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Volume XXXII January 2, 1974 No. 1

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1974

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Movie "FOR PETE'S SAKE in Worship Nave

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1974

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rosemary Krull, 3466 S. Washington Rd.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1974

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Mary Cook, 323 W. Oakdale Drive

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1974

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Audrey Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor Child Care Provided

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1974

6:30 P.M. Family Night
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
6:30 P.M. Junior Disciples
6:30 P.M. Functional Committees
7:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: canned meat, soups, powdered milk

MOVIE SUNDAY EVENING

"FOR PETE'S SAKE!"

7:00 P.M. this Sunday evening in our Worship Nave is the time and place for this World Wide Picture production distributed through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Film Ministry, Inc.

FOR PETE'S SAKE is a full-length motion picture filmed in brilliant Eastmancolor on location in Denver and the Colorado Rockies. It is the story of Pete Harper, a family man and service station owner, who is knocked flat by unexpected problems, but finds strength in Christ to stand up again to face life anew. Its a family film filled with laughs, tears, action, and some truly genuine people. Be sure to bring your entire family, and invite another family to attend with you.

START 1974 IN CHURCH:
Be in Church School at 9:30 A.M. or one of our worship hours--8:15 A.M., 10:45 A.M. or for the special film at 7:00 P.M. this opening Sunday of 1974.

SERVING JANUARY 6

Elders

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and Dean Widler

7:00 P.M. Merle Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, S. Cole, W. Bowen, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M J. Zimmerman, D. Young, J. Hechler, T. Frappier, T. Knuckles, R. Johnson, B. Lehman

Deaconesses

Rosemary Krull and Marge Lehman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, C. McDougle, J. Kirsch, H. Stevenson, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 905 Mrs. Judith Moore
508 Mrs. Ruth Williamson

Parkview: 221 Mrs. Carol Young
322 Mr. Ennis Brown

THANK YOUS:

"I wish to thank everyone for all their thoughtful cards and prayers." Thank you.

Juanita Tomilison

"The family of Lesta Mahaffey acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy."

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

18 pair of mittens and 25 pair of socks were mailed to the Cleveland Christian Home.

CHURCH BASKETBALL NIGHT

At the urging of some of the high school youth, the board approved finances and action towards a church basketball team. Because of problems of lateness, lack of preparation, finances, above projections, and inelgibility, we have not entered a league.

We have a contract for the use of the Irwin School gym, 3501 S. Anthony on the five nights of January--2, 9, 16, 23, 30--from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. This is open for any youth 14 or above and any adult interested in playing. Out of play this year it is hoped that preparations can be made for league competition next year.

Eligibility demands participation in worship at least three times in every four weeks. Plans are being made for an old-timer game of adults against the younger set this month. Any interested players are urged to come on the Wednesday nights!

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT-JANUARY 10

Our full family night schedule returns this night except for the served meal between 5:30 and 6:30 P.M. All functional committees are scheduled for 6:30 P.M., all choirs rehearsing, and children and youth fellowship programs.

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SEE FOR PETE'S SAKE! this SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1974, at 7:00 P.M.!

FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings in this new year of 1974! This Sunday, January 6, is an excellent time to begin a pattern of regularly meeting Christ at His table each and every Sunday of the year. Perhaps our gasoline shortage means that we find the significant of life where we are instead of making the long trips.

Our morning worships this Sunday are utilizing a unique situation among us. One of our own Timothies, Ed Allen, Jr. is home from Brite Theological Seminary of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He worked as an intern here and has received church vocational scholarship aid. Currently, he is serving as an Associate Pastor at Boulevard Christian Church in Fort Worth. He is a second year student in Seminary. Doyle Hardy, our Student Associate Pastor, is being undergirded by us in his further preparation for ministry as a full-time student at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. These two are going to share with us from the perspective of their seminary experiences as to what this means for the future of the church. Dr. Cline is going to complete the triad sharing in the sermon by raising questions and seeking to clarify implications.

Sunday night at 7:00 P.M., we are one of several community hosts for the feature movie, FOR PETE'S SAKE!. After the film, any desiring to talk about a basic first commitment to Christ will move to the Chapel any desiring discussion of the film and communion will move to the parlor.

I am thrilled as I look ahead to many coming things in the weeks and months ahead:

1. On Sunday, January 13 at 8:15 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., 25 youth from the South Side Christian Church in Kokomo will be presenting an original production for us and youth of our community. It is entitled, "St. Matthew's Parabola."
2. The five Bible lectures of Fred Craddock to the General Assembly in October will be used in tape and manuscript for five sessions of Celebration Worship beginning January 13. These are on the theme, "Called to Be One in the Lord" based on I Corinthians 12:1-14.
3. An Ecumenical Lenten Program joining our church with First Baptist, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, and South Wayne Baptist will have a preparatory leadership retreat on February 1 and 2 in our building led by John and Ad Carr. Then program options will be available at varying times and in the varying buildings from February 24 to March 28.
4. Plans are moving for our new Church School semester beginning March 3 which includes the formation of a new adult class for Young Couples. Doyle Hardy is giving this major preparatory attention.

Come and share the love and power of the living Christ in our midst in worship, study, prayer, service, and fellowship during 1974!

Harold E. Cline

SEASON GREETINGS EXPRESSED

To the whole family and friends of First Christian Church season greetings were received by the church along with a special Christmas gift. 108 families shared and have been listed in THE TIDINGS and $367.00 was received with the cards. If any have been accidently missed will you please contact the church office. All should be listed whose card reached the church by Friday, December 28. We rejoice in the greetings from:

The William Benny Family
Miriam Bixenman
The Branstrators
Bethel & Lillian Breeden
Mrs. Ella Buchanan
The Ralph Church Family
Elaine Conrad
Louis and Opal Culbertson
Mr. & Mrs. William DeVinney
The Mel Evans Family
Anita Jane Fitch
Mr. and Mrs. Omer Guingrich and Jackie
Ed, Rosalie Hall & family
Doyle & April Hardy
Opal Heller
The Robert Hendricks Family
Mary & Leland Higgins
Lawrence & Pauline Horn
Barton and Vivian Johnson
Ralph & Jackie Keller
Bert & Margaret Leversee
Mrs. Laura Marks
Captain Hogan Morgan (Don Morgan Family)
Dorothy Morris and Children
Ruby & Arthur Mowery
Delores Overmyer
The Passwaters - Don, Judie, Lori, Chris, Dave, Rachel
Merle, Bea, Amylu & Jonny Rice
Richardson Family - Fred, Renee, Fred, Jr., Becky, Richard and Rachel
Dr. and Mrs. James Ruble
Lillian Scott
The Ben Taylor Family

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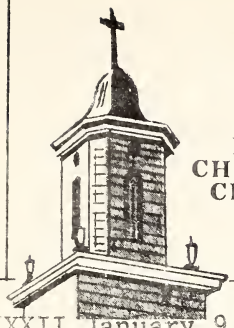

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 P.M. Young Couples' Open House, Hardy's, 6012 Guild Dr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:15 A.M. "St. Matthew's Parabola" in Fellowship Hall

9:30 A.M. Church School (see schedule elsewhere for some room changes)

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "His Baptism As Revelation" Isaish 42:1-7, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17
Dr. Harold E. Cline

3:00 P.M. "St. Matthew's Parabola" Fellowship Hall

5:30 P.M. CYF

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

6:30 P.M. Church Board Meeting

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir

6:30 P.M. Junior Disciples

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Chi Rho

7:30 P.M. CWF Executive Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 A.M. Study Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

ST. MATTHEW'S PARABOLA

This "Godspell-like musical" will be presented in our Fellowship Hall as our early worship at 8:15 A.M. this Sunday and again at 3:00 P.M. especially for youth of our community as well as our people. These are being presented by the Youth Choir of South Side Christian Church in Kokomo with help of college youth and some adults.

The script was written by Fred Siefers an IU student and he is directing this expression of Gospel in word and song. Dr. Karen Warren, the Associate Pastor of the Kokomo Church, has given assistance at all levels. The youth are accompanied by three guitars, two pianos, and drums. One of the pianists is Ed Scott who finished a Master's in Organ this past June.

This musical was presented twice to responsive groups in Kokomo during November and by request will be given a third time this Friday night before coming to us on Saturday to prepare for Sunday.

Come allow the parables and story of Jesus to be presented in a fresh and contemporary way by youth of a sister congregation.

SERVING JANUARY 13

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and William Love

10:45 A.M. David Griggs and Andrew Cook

7:00 P.M. William Crouse

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, S. Cole, R. Clifton

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, A.E. Huddleston, D. Allen, D. Pomeroy, E. Allen, R. Cole, T. Ogles, H. Helmuth

Deaconesses

Rosemary Krull and Marge Lehman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, C. McDougle, J. Kirsch, H. Stevenson, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

Homebound Communion

Merle Rice and Romane Cole

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPTIALS:

St. Joseph: 508 Mrs. Ruth Williamson

905 Mrs. Judith Moore

Cleveland Clinic: William Taylor for major heart tests and analysis

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mildred Hutchinson in the death of her father on December 26 in southwestern Indiana.

YOUTH CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL

This Sunday at 8:15 A.M. or 3:00 P.M. - Traditional worship at 10:45 A.M. and Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER AVERAGES:

Church Worship	348
Church School	154
Budget Giving	$2158.25
Appeal Giving	550.25

OUTREACH SUPPORT BEYOND US

Our Christmas Card Project enabled us to send Designated Gifts of $187.50 to the Cleveland Christian Home and $187.50 to the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion. Our Christmas Outreach offering enabled us to send $733.00 to Unified Promotion for Outreach support.

$3,750.65 was remitted from our combined Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving. We still have $10,000 of our goal for the Indiana Appeal yet to be remitted. Our Centennial project mortage is less than $10,000 at this time.

Out of budget support, we sent $1,000 for the work of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne which was 2/3 of our goal for the past six months and $200 was given for the American Bible Society and Ecumenical Councils which was ½ of our annual goal.

We rejoice in this reaching out by our church in the wider ministry of the church with $6,050.65 remitted late in December!

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

All nine functional committees meet tonight (Thursday) beginning at 6:30 P.M.

ELDER AND CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The Elders have a special meeting at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday the 15th and the Church Board the regular January meeting at 6:30 P.M., Thursday the 17th.

FROM THE PASTOR:

I apologize! I apologize for the inadequate projection equipment for the film on Sunday evening. I really was disappointed at poor sound when many of our people had brought friends and neighbors. There were also guests from other churches, and yet, many could not hear the movie. This was my first awareness that we did not have adequate equipment for usage in our worship nave to show a movie. I promise that I will not schedule any more pictures for usage in our church nave until corrections are made. The church hurts and I hurt from such bungling of opportunities and the precious time of people.

May I turn from this disappointment to some other aspects of our community life.

1. Locking of Building - We are asking all groups to turn out lights and to close and lock all windows before leaving any room. It helps to pick up and straighten up also. Our building is normally open from 8:00 to 5:00 daily and whenever staff or program is scheduled at other times. We feel that it is necessary that persons are in the building whenever it is unlocked. Please made sure outside doors are closed tightly as you leave especially when the lock is on. We have been finding too many of our doors slightly ajar which have the lock on but to no avail. Our property protection needs the assistance of us all.

2. Pantry Food - We have felt good about our ministry through this program. The food which was brought in November went quickly. We need to be bringing some food staples regularly. Mrs. Betty Grimm is finding it difficult to keep our pantry supplied in the face of the load which we are carrying in this ministry. Clothing donations have almost overloaded us, but food supplies are needed regularly and generously.

3. Church Vocations - Many were quite positive on Sunday to the sharing by Ed and Doyle. I rejoice in our partnership with them in vocational development through the operation and support of our Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund. The bulk of the funds have come from the earnings of the Betz and Sullivan Named Funds from bequests to the church. Our ability to continue this is enhanced by Memorial Gifts as well as will bequests.

Finally, I rejoice in the variety of opportunities which are before our people. Doyle, Miriam and I have divided calling responsibilities so that we can make some concentrated emphases upon various kinds of calls and a broader impact on our homes. Next Sunday, we have two special contemporary musical services featuring an outside group (the majority of whom I had the privilege of baptizing into Christ), we have our traditional worship hour, and we have a foremost Bible Lecturer taped for Celebration Worship. Through it all, the concern I have, is that all our membership and friends realize the fullness of God's love and find him very real for these days of life. God loves you. See you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

CHANGES DUE TO MUSICAL

CHURCH SCHOOL: Because the Fellowship Hall will be set up and used for ST. MATTHEW'S PARABOLA, the following class locations should be noted:

OMS CLASS - Choir Room #320
58 CLASS - Nave Balcony
COME DOUBLE - #300
(Mrs. Vaught's office)
BEREAN CLASS - #201
(Pastor's study)

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Our informal fellowship time following our Divine Worship will be held in the Parlor this Sunday.

WORSHIPS: Meditative Worship will be replaced entirely by the musical. For those desiring a preaching worship, come at 10:45 A.M. If you desire a fresh look at Jesus for our growing Christian pilgrimmage come at 8:15!

CHURCH LIBRARIAN

Sara Davis has taken over this responsibility which had been carried by Norma Andrews. The books have been currently placed in alphabetical order except for reference books on the top of the case. Books are available for borrowing by any of our members.

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUITS
CANNED VEGETABLES
CANNED MEATS
PEANUT BUTTER

BIBLE LECTURES - CELEBRATION

For the next five Sunday evenings the 25 minute Bible lectures of Fred Craddock given at the recent General Assembly will be used as the basis for interaction.

Dr. Craddock teaches at Phillips University and is in a constant demand by lay groups as a Bible Lecturer. He unites sound scholarship and an ability to communicate. He followed the general theme of the Assembly, "Called to be One in the Lord" based on I Corinthians 12:1-12. His themes are:

Jan. 13 - "However You May Have Been Moved"
Jan. 20 - "The Holy Spirit and Our Understanding"
Jan. 27 - "The Trinity, but Why?"
Feb. 3 - "The Charismatic Church"
Feb. 10 - "The One and the Many"

All are welcome for Celebration Worship focused by these Bible lectures at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday in the Parlor. The Eucharist Celebration will close each service.

CHAPEL OPEN FOR MEDITATION

Each Sunday from 6:45 to 9:00 P.M., our Chapel is in candlelight for those who might like a quiet place and time for meditation and prayer. You are welcome to find God in quietness. "Be still and know that I am God."

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 P.M. Constitutional Revision Committee

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
6:30 P.M. Junior Disciples
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Chi Rho

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR PRAYERS FOR the following from our congregation who will be participating in a Lay Witness Mission this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at First Baptist Church in Peru, Indiana:

Ray Fredericks, Coordinator
Delores Keebortz, Marlene Crouse, Jim Taylor, Judy Aker

PREACHING CHRIST

The Christian Year begins with Advent, then moves to Christmas and Epiphany, then to Lent and the Passion Week climaxed by the victory of Easter. The final highlight comes with Pentecost where Christ's work becomes the task and thrust of the church. The Christian year helps us focus repeatedly on Jesus and the appropriation of him to our lives.

Our Sunday morning sermons are having a similar thrust in these weeks. Study and ponder Jesus and his ministry in these weeks of Epiphany which stresses God's manifestation in Christ to all nations.

COMING SERMONS:

January 20 - *"A FRESH START IN LIFE*
John 2:1-4:45

January 27 - *"THE LIFE-GIVING WORD"*
John 4:46-5:47

February 3 - *"THE BREAD OF LIFE"*
John 6:1-71

February 10 - *"DO YOU BEGRUDGE MY GENEROSITY?"*
Matthew 20:1-16

February 17 - Doyle Hardy preaching

SERVING JANUARY 20

Elders

8:15 A.M. Floyd Morrical and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and Bert Leversee

7:00 P.M. Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, G. Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. C. Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, D. Short, J. Taylor, T. Knuckles, R. Petty, L.A. Horn, R. Wortley

Deaconesses

Rosemary Krull and Marge Lehman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, C. McDougle, J. Kirsch, H. Stevenson, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 689 Mrs. Kathryn Moser

St. Joseph: 233 Lee Mory

910 Mrs. Judith Moore

Parkview: 421 Mrs. Elizabeth Pattengale

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Sue Skelton and family in the death of her father, Wendell Riley, on January 7, 1974.

THANK YOU LETTER TO CHURCH:

We would like to thank you and your congregation for your recent donation of fruit to the Martin Luther King Center for our Christmas Club.

Your donation, along with many others, have made it possible for many needy families to have a happy holiday.

Elizabeth Rowland, Director

PANTRY REPORT:

Betty Grimm, our Pantry Chairwoman, reports for July 15 to December 31 of 1973:

Referrals 121
Food only 88
Clothing only 26
Food & Clothing 7
Food supplies to 115 adults and 245 children
Days of food provided .277
Total Individual Meals. . .3,171

18 women of our congregation have assisted in taking these referrals and in caring for the needs.

This report reflects heavy usage of our Pantry and underscores the continual need for food gifts. Any over--and--above designated giving for the Pantry needs to be so marked.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS FOR PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

POWDERED MILK
CANNED VEGETABLES
BABY FOOD

THANK YOU LETTER FROM CLEVELAND HOME:

Many thanks for your very nice gift of mittens, socks and gloves for our Home. (Our sock & mitten tree provided 18 pair of mittens and 25 pair of socks). We are most grateful for your kindness in remembering our youngsters and most of these have been distributed to the departments already as they were certainly needed for this cold weather.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
John Petten,
Administrator

REGIONAL LAY WITNESS TRAINING CONFERENCE

Central Christian Church in Indianapolis is hosting the Lay Witness Training Conference on February 15-17. This is open to any of our people who desire to taste the Lay Witness movement or to equip themselves for participation as team members. Registration material is available in the church office or from Dr. Cline. The Evangelism and Renewal Task Force is planning this conference sponsored by our regional expression of the church.

Registration is $5 per person which covers the Saturday and Sunday noon meals. Housing is being secured in the homes of our fellow Christian Church members in the Indianapolis area.

In addition to the general sessions and one mixed depth experience for the entire conference, there will be three workshop periods for the following special sections:

1. LAY WITNESS MISSION COORDINATOR TRAINING - Doug Strickland, a regional trainer and assigner of Coordinators for the Methodist Church, and Milford Chewning, who led our Lay Witness Mission are leaders.
2. EXPERIENCED WITNESS TRAINING - Persons who have already served on one or more LWM teams will be led by Bettie Griffith of our Illinois regional Staff and Ev Kussmann, a TWA Executive from Kansas City.
3. NEW WITNESS TRAINING - Persons interested in the possibility of serving on a LWM team are urged to receive training from Harry Dawson, an experienced coordinator and Disciple layman and Mrs. June Strickland.
4. YOUTH WITNESS TRAINING - High School and College age youth are invited for training either if thy have served on teams or desire to in the future. Hank Hayes from Illinois is leading this section.
5. LAITY INTRODUCTION TO LWM - Basic small group experiences of a Lay Witness Mission will be experienced in this section led by Jim Hollingsworth of our national CMF staff and Mrs. Kay Kussmann.
6. PASTOR PREPARATION FOR LWM - Dr. Robert Sulanke, pastor of Hazelwood Christian Church in Muncie, and Dr. Loyal Northcott, our national executive of Evangelism will help pastors relate to this lay program.

7:30 on Friday night through 2:30 on Sunday afternoon is the time block for this weekend designed to train, to inform, and to inspire. A framework is provided to provide a meaningful experience with God among Christians sensing the Holy Spirit.

Registrations are to be mailed as soon as possible to our Regional office so that arrangements can be secured. The final deadline is Monday, February 11 for registration.

CHURCH BASKETBALL

We have rented the Irwin School Gym, 3501 S. Anthony, on the five Wednesday nights of January. An old-timer's game of "oldsters against youngsters" will be played on the last night, January 30.

If you are interested in playing show up for practice any Wednesday night or "oldsters" contact Jim Ruble, "youngsters" contact Jeff Frappier.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, January 28. Sister Ann Patrick, associate in the Department of Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches, will be speaker. Sister Ann Patrick was one of the first staff appointments to the NCC among our Catholic Brethren. She will speak concerning the growing relationships between Protestants and Catholics. Seating at the dinner is limited to 275 and cost of dinner is $2.75. Those wishing reservations should contact Miriam Bixenman by January 20.

POWER AND LIGHT COMPANIES TRAINING RETREAT

Our church building is the site for this training experience on Friday, February 1 at 6:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 2. Rev. John Carr and his wife, Adrienne, are coming from First Community Church in Columbus, Ohio. John designed this program last Lent and it provided for a meaningful educational experience for over 500 persons of that congregation organized in 5 Power and Light Companies with 34 substations.

This Training Retreat is to prepare a leadership team from First Baptist, South Wayne Baptist, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren and First Christian for the program, February 24--March 24.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Some of the parables of Jesus and the passion of Jesus carried tremendous impact as presented by the Youth Choir from Kokomo on Sunday. 246 shared the afternoon performance including youth guests from Kendalville, Auburn, Simpson, Christ, & Epworth United Methodist Churches, and First and South Wayne Baptist Churches. We thank Fred Seifers who wrote and directed the drama interwoven with music of "Godspell". The Youth Choir and others who assisted them are to be congratulated!

The continual snow and cold for the past four Sundays have taken their toll. I would take this opportunity to greet those who have been prevented from Sunday participation because of snow, ice, and cold weather. I look forward to seeing all out again on one of these Sundays which will be dry underfoot, at least, where snow has been removed and sun and heat have dried the pavement and walks.

Last week, I came upon a sorry tale. One of our good widows who recently died had told me repeatedly of her inclusion of our church in her will. Because time had elapsed since her death, I called her lawyer last week. He told me that the church had been added in a hand-written codicile which was not in the original and which lacked witnesses. Thus, those controlling the estate have no legal grounds to make the intended bequest to the church. Think of the church while in the procedd of writing your will, <u>but with legal aid</u>.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "The Life-Giving Word"
John 4:46-5:47
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 P.M. Associated Churches Annual Meeting, Calvary United Methodist Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 P.M. Power and Light Retreat Begins

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 A.M. Power and Light Retreat Continues (concludes 4:30 P.M.)

PANTRY NEEDS:

SOUPS
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED FRUITS
FRUIT JUICES

GROWTH AND VITALITY

I do not believe that the Christian life is a static issue, but one which needs constant stimulation, expression, and growth. This is why so much of our focus upon the regular worship and study opportunities each week.

Yet, we also need other opportunities for new life and realization in Christ. Several tremendous opportunities are ahead of us:

1. POWER AND LIGHT TRAINING RETREAT AND FULL PROGRAM (see details on page 4). I need to know NOW those who will share in this Training Event led by Rev. John and Ad Carr of Columbus, Ohio.

2. REGIONAL LAY WITNESS TRAINING CONFERENCE - A remarkable core leadership team is assembled for this training experience to be held in Indianapolis, February 15-17. Secure your registration form from the office or Dr. Cline, and mail NOW!

3. SERENDIPITY WORKSHIP - Twenty-eight of our people have participated earlier. Register now through Mrs. Bixenman for Saturday, March 9.

Harold E. Cline

SERVING JANUARY 27

Elders

8:15 A.M. John Merrill and Don Passwater

10:45 A.M. Rufus Quinn and Rolland Ripple

7:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, F. Richardson, B. Lehman, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. J. Zimmerman, D. Weaver, D. Young, J. Hechler, H. Stevenson, O. McDougle, D. Allen, R. Ogles

Deaconesses

Amelia Dare and Dorothy Merriman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, C. McDougle, J. Kirsch, H. Stevenson, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

Homebound Communion

William Love and Charles Ludwig

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 724 Mrs. Nellie Roe
421 Mrs. Elizabeth Pattengale

St. Joseph: 305 Mr. Jay McCarel
905 Mrs. Judith Moore
631 Gary Murray

Lutheran: 670 Mrs. Kathryn Moser
589 Mrs. Ethel Huddleston
(Art Huddleston's mother)

CONCERN FOR MEMBERS

We rejoice with Mrs. Mimi Hunt that she was not injured more in the railroad crossing accident the other week. Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain has been confined with a broken arm sustained on our parking lot several weeks ago.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Tom Frappier in his promotion to Director of Sales and

CONFESSION AND BAPTISM

LINDA SUE EICH, 4017 Hessen Cassel made her confession of faith and was united with Christ in baptism during Celebration Worship on Sunday. She is the daughter of Mrs. Kathryn Eich, a member here. Linda is a senior in New Haven High School and works half time at Superior Business Forms. We welcome her into our fellowship!

CHURCH BASKETBALL

We have rented the Irwin School Gym, 3501 S. Anthony, on the five Wednesday nights of January. An old-timer's game of "oldsters" against "youngsters" will be played on the last night, January 30.

If you are interested in playing show up for practice any Wednesday night or "oldsters" may contact Jim Ruble, "youngsters" may contact Jeff Frappier.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORT-DEC. 1973

--Central Africia: Severe drought in 10 nations continues; staggering loss of life, people, cattle. Church World Service shipped medical supplies, food, medical team; helped survey area for water. Churches all over the world responded.

--Mid East: Air-freighted 5 cartons surgical prepack units to war zone, plus 27,000 blood transfusion sets, family tents, sheets, blankets.

--Chili: In Santiago 13 reception centers for refugees plus 20 in provinces.

This is not an appeal. CWS has responded. Your Week of Compassion offerings helped made this disaster fund possible.

Spencer Austin

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services for Joslyn Steel.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS FROM CHURCH BOARD MEETING -- January 17, 1974

An experiment was voted for Sunday, February 10. Because of unsatisfactory consistent response to Thursday Family Night scheduling, because of the gradual shift of youth groups and choirs from Thursday back to Sunday evening, and as a possible test ballon in case gasoline shortages sharply curtail trips to the church building, we are combining a Fellowship Dinner at 12:15 P.M. with all Functional Committees meeting at 1:15 P.M. and Church Board meeting at 2:30 P.M. This is a one time experiment in scheduling for committees, church board as well as Fellowship Dinner. All members and friends of the church are invited for this Pitch-in Meal following our Divine Worship on February 10.

The Worship Committee reported its concern to enlist the participation of all board members in the board meetings as an act of worship--These are meetings to determine what we believe God wants and expects of our congregation. The committee will be taking assignments to encourage one hundred percent participation at this meeting. Those forced to be out of town or sick are asked to contact the church office, otherwise there is a concern for every board member to participate.

At the recommendation of the Membership Committee the board approved cooperative action with Resolution No. 33 concerning conservation of church members. The resolution calls for action to make brotherhood contace for members moving, especially to fast growing areas in Florida and California.

The semi-annual Memorial Fund report indicated $2,433.25 in Memorial Gifts from July 1 to December 31. The balances on hand include:

Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund-Principal	$29,768.23
Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund-Earnings	5,242.50
Endowment Memorial Trust Fund-Principal	7,065.21
Building and Equipment Fund	689.71
Capital Outreach Fund	322.82

The report of the treasurer showed the heavy giving in December aiding the budget account to move from a deficit of $3,414.69 to a deficit of $760.10. If we continue on the giving of recent weeks, we can hold our head above water. After the December payments, our Centennial Appeal Mortage stands at $10,008.32 and our Indiana Appeal goal yet due stands at $10,000. We rejoiced greatly in the receipts of the month totalling $15,409.76

George Bruckman, announced regular home communion now to 8 families or persons every other week. Charles Ludwig announced a Church Clean Up Day for Saturday, February 9th beginning at 8:00 A.M.

LENTEN POWER AND LIGHT PROGRAM

A major Lenten emphasis in the life of our church is the upcoming Power and Light Program which we are sharing jointly with First Baptist Church, South Wayne Baptist Church, and Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. This program was designed by John Carr, the teaching Pastor of First Community Church in Columbus, Ohio, and formerly the organizing pastor of the Church of the Savior Methodist Church in Indianapolis. He is a creative teacher and enabler for small group study and growth.

TRAINING RETREAT: John Carr and his wife, Ad, are coming for the weekend of February 1 and 2 to train persons who will share leadership roles for the program. Ad also has a graduate degree in Christian Education. This Retreat will be held in our building from 6:30 dinner until 9:30 on Friday evening, and from 8:30 to 4:30 on Saturday. Our officers and others willing to be a part of a team of three leading small groups are invited to attend this Training opportunity. You are asked to contact the church office or Dr. Cline by Sunday, January 27, if you will be attending this Training. In preparation for the Training Session, John has asked that each one read the NT book of Ephesians and also the Commentary on it which he has written and which is available in our office.

THE THRUST OF THE PROGRAM: The content is based upon the book of Ephesians and its account of how the early Church came by her victorious Spirit. Our GOAL is the vision and experience of what it means to be God's people NOW! The members of the four congregations will be invited to join one of three Companies organized at different times and places, and which will have five sessions. Each session will be launched by short presentations or dramatizations of key issues, questions and ideas which Ephesians raises for us. Then each Company will break into several small groups, which, with the help of carefully prepared lay and staff leadership, will be the real "generating stations" for discussion, sharing, experimentation, and exploring.

THE ECUMENICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE FULL PROGRAM: After enlistment in each congregation during February, the following three companies will be formed according to the preferences of the registrants:

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS - 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church from February 24 through March 24

MONDAY EVENINGS - 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. at South Wayne Baptist Church from February 25 through March 25.

THURSDAY MORNINGS - 9:15 to 11:15 A.M. at First Christian Church from February 28 through March 28.

This is open to all high school youth and above. Child Care will be provided at each of the sites.

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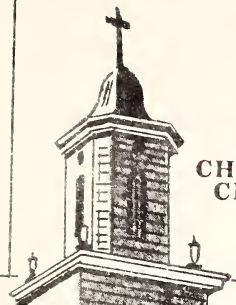

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 A.M. Power & Light Retreat
8:00 P.M. Faith at Work Fellowship, Candlelite Club House

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "THE BREAD OF LIFE" John 6:1-71
5:30 P.M. CYF, Chi Rho Fellowship, Junior Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Constitutional Revision Committee
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rose Jenkins, 4720 Beaver

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Gladys Hoop, 3920 Bowser Ave.
7:30 P.M. Meeting of Finance Committee and Commitment Leaders

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Almeda Rice, 3402 River Forest
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Ruby Mowery, 6926 Premiere

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30 P.M. Community Choir Sing Christ United Methodist Church

POWER AND LIGHT RETREAT

This Friday and Saturday is the preparatory retreat for the ecumenical Lenten Power and Light Program. John and Ad Carr are coming from First Community Church, in Columbus, Ohio, to lead this training.

If any are planning on participating who are not listed below, please call the church office today. 75 persons are expected from the four churches for this event beginning with a served dinner at 6:30 on Friday night and continuing all day Saturday.

Participants are asked to dress casually and to read the book of Ephesians and the special commentary on it prepared by John Carr. It would also help to bring a Bible. Non-participants are asked to be in prayer for these involved and to ponder participantion in the coming SPIRITUAL INVENTORY and enlistment period.

Our participants known at writing time include: Ed & Sue Allen, Andrea Benny, Steve & Char Binkley, Miriam Bixenman, George Bruckman, Peggy Buskirk, Ralph & Judy Church, Harold & Ruby Cline, Marlene Crouse,

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SERVING FEBRUARY 3

Elders

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Floyd Morrical and George Davis

7:00 P.M. Dean Widler

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, S. Cole, W. Bowen, E. Allen

10:45 A.M. D. Short, T. Frappier, J. Taylor, R. Clifton, D. Pomeroy, R. Cole, V. Moore, H. Helmuth

Deaconesses

Amelia Dare and Dorothy Merriman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, M. Byers, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Gardner

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 670 Mrs. Kathryn Moser
634 Mrs. Lillian Busse (this is the mother of Mel Busse)

St. Joseph: 905 Mrs. Judith Moore

Parkview: 724 Mrs. Nellie Roe
234 Mrs. Joan Gumpp
639 Brian Rogers
417 Mr. William Pattengale

BIRTH:

To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kolkman, a son, Jonathan Edward on January 23, 1974.

FALL IN HOME: Mrs. Mamie Caldwell fell and broke a bone in her foot last week.

BOXES WILL BE AT ALL ENTRANCES FEBRUARY 3 AND 10 TO RECEIVE BINGO PRIZES FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH CENTER PARTY.

FAITH AT WORK FELLOWSHIP

A Ft. Wayne fellowship group of the Faith at Work organization has been initiated. The second meeting which is open to any interested person will be this Saturday evening at 8:00 P.M. at the Candlelite Club House on South Fairfield. Information can be secured from Dr. Cline.

CUSTODIAN CONFINED:

Arthur Mowery, our regular custodian, has been confined to his home since January 8. He received orders last week to stay off his feet for another month. This reinforces the need of all persons and groups to make every effort to pick up, straighten up, and help keep our building in the best possible order.

FUNERALS BY PASTOR:

John Jay McCarel on 1/23/74. Jay identified with our church in 1926 and served as a deacon from 1926 to 1957. Sympathy is extended to his daughter, Ethel Richhart, and her family, and his son, Benjamin, who is in Marion.

Zoa Jordan on 1/25/74. Mrs. Jordan had been a member here since 1944 and last year celebrated her 65th wedding annivesary. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Bud, and daughters.

George Peterson, on 1/25/74. Mr. Peterson was the father of Myrtle DeVinney of our congregation. Sympathy is extended to his widow and the family.

THE YOUTH CHOIR WILL NOT REHEARSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, BECAUSE OF THE COMBINED COMMUNITY CHOIR SING.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND PARENTS--NEW PLANS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM

The Expanded Session for children of Grades 2, 3, and 4 during our Divine Worship is giving way next Sunday to our Children's Choir. All children who will share in singing of these grades plus any of grades 5 & 6 will leave worship after the Children's Sermonette for Children's Choir. This will not just be preparation for special occasions, but rather it will have an emphasis on learning music which will aid life and develop the children toward meaningful worship participation.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR in our church is seeking:

--To be a religious, educational, artistic, and recreational factor in the lives of its choiristers.

--To develop and foster a sense of worship.

--To be a training ground for Christian ideals and churchmanship.

--To develop s sense of personal responsibility and spirit of cooperation.

--To present worthy music, well prepared.

--To attempt to influence as many children as possible.

The accent of the choir will be to learn and enjoy some of the basic hymns for children of the church. It is hoped to acquaint the children over a period of years with the basic hymns of the church. Plans are afoot to purchase sufficient copies of the new HYMNBOOK FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP as a resource for this choir as well as the other choirs. The COMPANION TO THE HYMNBOOK FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP will be secured for interpretation and background information concerning each hymn.

Next Sunday, February 3, will be the beginning of this new CHILDREN'S CHOIR. Children of Grades 2 through 6 are welcome. They are asked to be present for the opening of Divine Worship and then move to room 332 after the Children's sermonette. Natalie Urich will direct this choir and Jerry Zimmerman is the accompanist.

We thank Peggy Buskirk and her assistants for the very effective Expanded Sessions for children of grades 2, 3, and 4 which we have had since September. Peggy will continue with the group, in addition to Natalie and Jerry for a time, but the choir will be the second hour program for this age. Kindergarten-First Grade will continue to meet with Miriam Bixenman as in the past during this hour.

ACOLYTES -- ENLISTMENT AND TRAINING

The worship committee is desirous to use youth of grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 as acolytes to light candles at both worship hours. Two are needed for each service on each Sunday:

The interested children and youth are asked to meet in the Chapel at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 10. This will immediately follow the all-

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church fellowship dinner. This meeting will determine those interested and will be an instruction session. Any interested youth who cannot attend on the 10th are asked to notify the church office or Jerry Zimmerman concerning their desire to participate in worship as an acolyte.

POWER & LIGHT PARTICIPANTS

Joyce Crowe, Ray & Sharon Fredericks, Doyle & April Hardy, Jeff & Susann Heaton, Dorothy Ikenberry, Rosemary Krull, Margaret Love, Don Passwater, Hugh & Gwynth Rice, Barbara Schrock, Connie Wells, Dean & Elsie Widler, Nancy Wortley.

YOUTH PROGRAM CHANGE

Following the lead of CYF, Chi Rho Fellowship and Junior Disciples will begin meeting at 5:30 P.M. this Sunday. CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP is for seventh, eighth, and ninth graders. JUNIOR DISCIPLES is for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. All these programs will end in sufficient time for Celebration Worship in the evening.

ALL CHURCH DINNER

Sunday, February 10, at 12:15 P.M. is a pitch-in dinner to which the whole church is invited. This is both a fellowship time and an experiment to have all functional committees meet and the board in early afternoon. In addition to the business sessions, there will be a sing time crafts, sewing, and movies for those not involved in the business items. Plan to come and share this combined fellowship-business time. PITCH-IN MEAL FOLLOWING DIVINE WORSHIP AT 12:15 P.M.

CASTING READING FOR PLAY

On Monday evening, February 11, there will be a reading of the play, "Christ in the Concrete City" for the purpose of casting the parts. This powerful Lenten drama will be presented as part of our Maundy Thursday Communion Service and as part of the neighborhood Good Friday Services on Good Friday evening. There is a possibility that another performance will be given on Palm Sunday evening.

Any person, member or friend, of the church is most welcome at this play reading. Persons need not worry about any lack of drama or acting experience--we will all work and learn together. If there are questions, please call the play director, Barbara Short at the office or at home, 443-7903.

ERROR IN SERENDIPITY DATE

The Serendipity Conference in Cleveland will be held on Saturday, April 6, not on March 9, as previously announced. We goofed and we are sorry. Registration blanks are in the church office. Advance registration (in groups of 6 or more) is $15.00 of which the church will pay half, so early registration is a must.

PANTRY NEEDS

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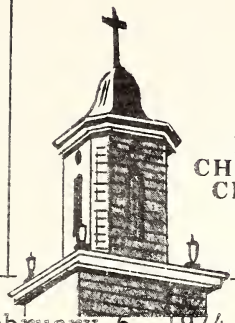

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 A.M. Clean Up Day
7:30 P.M. O.M.S. Class Party at the Passwater's, 1819 Crescent

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Pitch-In Dinner
1:15 P.M. Functional Committees
2:30 P.M. Church Board
(see detailed schedule on page 4)
5:30 P.M. CYF, Chi Rho, Jr. Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Play Try-Outs
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Ethel Lahmon, 223 W. Sherwood Terrace
7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
7:30 P.M. Change Thru Involvement Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

WORSHIP, STUDY, DINNER, FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES, CHURCH BUSINESS

An experiment in putting several things together during one trip to our building is set for this Sunday, February 10. At 12:15 P.M. will be a pitch-in or covered dish dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Bring food comparable to family size and share this fellowship opportunity of eating together.

After the dinner will be all standing functional committees, church board, a sing out, and other activities. We are asking families to take basic responsibility for children and to have them in the wide-age group activities which are scheduled.

There is a major concern for 100% participation in the functional committee meetings and the church board meeting. Those prevented by illness or previous commitments out of town are asked to call the office or the chairman to report necessary absence.

Notice the full schedule on page four.

SERVING FEBRUARY 10

Elders

8:15 A.M. Hugh Rice and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and Andrew Cook

7:00 P.M. Ben Taylor

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, G. Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. C. Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, A.E. Huddleston, T. Knuckles, R. Petty, R. Wortley

Deaconesses

Amelia Dare and Dorothy Merriman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline, M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, M. Byers, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Gardner

Homebound Communion

Dean Widler, Don Passwater, Floyd Morrical, Fred Richardson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 311 Lawrence Horn
724 Mrs. Nellie Roe
308 Mrs. Ruth Neal
536 Mrs. Ruth Stuckey (mother of Jim)

St. Joseph:
917 Mrs. Judith Moore

Lutheran: 670 Mrs. Kathryn Moser
634 Mrs. Lillian Busse

THANK YOU FOR PANTRY

One of the persons served by the Pantry the other week called to express how grateful she was for the help given her.

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meat, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juices
(We also have a family that needs 4 sheets and 2 sets of pillowcases.)

THANK YOU NOTES

"Thank you so much for the lovely flowers and the many cards and kindness. Especially we want to thank Dr. Cline for his many visits and prayers and meaningful service."
Ethel Richhart and family

"The family of George Peterson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy."

"Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express."
The Zoa Jordan Family

THANK YOU FROM YOUTH VISITORS

"Just a note to let you know how much we appreciated the welcome we received upon attending your service. It's good to know there are such warm-hearted people. We have not received our reports yet, but I'm sure the results will be good as we found nothing but good things to say."

Sincerely,
Anita Still, Nan Walicki, Angie Hicks, Libby Webber, Joanie Imler
(These girls visited our Divine Worship as background for a special report at Bishop Luers highschool)

THANK YOU FOR HELP

Peggy and Becky Buskirk, Margaret Jenkins, Nancy Wortley, Elinor Place, and Fran Eckert helped to assemble and staple materials for the Lenten Power and Light Program. Thanks also for the women who assisted in food preparation and serving at our Leadership Retreat, namely--Nancy Terry, Judy Aker, Reba Fusselman, Irene Cline, Mary Cook, Gladys Hoop, Esther Whitton, Peggy Buskirk, Connie Wells, and Renee Richardson.

JANUARY AVERAGES

Church Worship	352
Church School	153
Budget Giving	$1,737.25
Appeal Giving	233.28

NEW MEMBER DURING JANUARY

Linda Eich

GIDEON CONTRIBUTION

John E. Wolsieffer shared a witness of the work of the Gideon in our worships on Sunday morning. $80.90 was contributed by placing gifts on the Bible after the service.

BLANKET MONTH

Good new or used blankets are being collected during February. Bring them for Church World Service usage. $3.00 can be given to purchase a new blanket through CWS.

HOST INQUIRY MEETING

Thomas Webber, the Director of the Indiana Inter-Religious Commission on Human Equality will discuss the possibility of "Project Education" for Fort Wayne in our Parlor next Wednesday evening, February 13, at 7:30 P.M.

This is an outgrowth of the families involved in the "Family-to-Family" program of Change Through Involvement. Citizens, parents, students, teachers, administrators, and representatives of the religious community are invited for this inquiry session.

LAST CALL

Registrations for the Lay Witness Training Conference February 15-17 need to be mailed directly to our regional office in Indianapolis. Deadline is Monday the 11th.

LENTEN POWER AND LIGHT PROGRAM:

"SPIRITUAL INVENTORY" ---- This form was made available in worship last Sunday. We trust many will ponder this and make a contract for five weekly sessions in one of the three Power and Light Companies scheduled on an ecumenical basis. This program is different from anything we have done here in its combination of basic Biblical input and group community life as designed in the program by John and Ad Carr. They received word last week just before coming for the Leadership Retreat that Abingdon Press, the Methodist publishing house, is going to publish this program for national distribution. We think that this is a rare opportunity for growth during the Lenten season as we participate along with members of First Baptist, South Wayne Baptist, and Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. The blue forms need to be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed or brought to our church office.

CHOIR SING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Our Chancel Chois is combining with seven other choirs for their annual sing Thursday, February 7, at 7:30 P.M. at Christ United Methodist Church, 1101 McKinnie Avenue. All music will be by the combined choirs. Our participants include: April Hardy, Jim Stucky, Harold Crowder, Anita Fitch, Ruth Plummer, Don Parlette, Pat Fountain, Natalie Urich, Sara Davis, Barb Schrock, Joyce Crowe, Mel Busse, R.R. Ripple, Genevieve Ripple, Janet Weicker.

Our choir meets at 6:45 in their Fellowship Hall for rehearsal with the sing to begin at 7:30.

CHURCH DAY -- FEBRUARY 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Pitch-in Dinner, Fellowship Hall
1:00 P.M. Acolyte enlistment and training, Chapel
1:15 P.M. Committee Meetings:

Christian Action & Community Service, Room 300
Christian Education, Room 301
World Outreach, Room 200
Information Services, Room 201
Finance, Room 120
Property, Room 330
Evangelism, Room 331
Worship, Room 332
Membership, Room 130

Sing Out in Parlor, led by Don and Valetta Parlette

2:30 P.M. Church Board, East Fellowship Hall

Films for all ages, Chapel (school age children may be here with parents elsewhere.) Chad Cline, projectionist

Sewing Service Project for Emily Flinn Home headed by Val Taylor. Bring the following materials to work on:

1. Bed Pads - bring old blankets and sheeting
2. Feeding Bibs - bring terry cloth hand towels and bias tape
3. Dresses - used or new patterns in sizes 16 to 24½, along with wash and wear fabric yardage to make same.

All need to bring portable sewing machines and needles and thread.

Craft Project for families to make an Easter decoration for the home led by Dorothy Ikenberry. Bring 1 inexpensive 3/4-1" paint brush; 1 egg shaped styrofoam ball at least 4" high; bits of ribbon; sequins; sets from old costume jewlry; corsage pins; bits of lace, braid, rickrack; straight pins; small artificial flowers; and small rabbits, chickens, and other Easter figures.

"CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY"

"Christ in the Concrete City", a Lenten drama, by P.W. Turner, produced by a cast of four men and two women will be presented in our Chancel on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening. Everyone is welcome for try-outs, Monday, February 11, at 7:30 P.M. If you have questions about the play or the try-outs, please call Barbara Short, the play's director.

FESTIVAL OF HOPE REGISTRATIONS DUE

Registration for this event being held in St. Louis, March 20-23 needs to be made now. For information see Miriam Bixenman. This is an outstanding opportunity. The church will pay half of $40.00 registration fee.

LAITY HAPPENING

Opportunity for families to have an experience in nurture. Will be held in Indianapolis March 22-23. See Miriam Bixenman for details.

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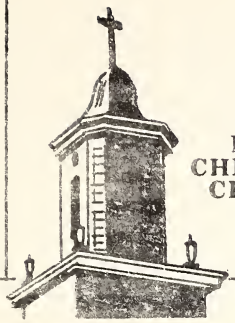

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 16, & 17

Lay Witness Mission Training Conference, Indianapolis

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon both hours: "Once Upon A Time and Happily Ever After"
Psalm 8
Doyle F. Hardy, preaching
5:30 P.M. CYF, Chi Rho, Jr. Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

11:00 A.M. Fort Wayne Ministerial Association

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK
HOT CEREALS
CANNED MEAT

JOIN A POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

Registration is due by Monday, February 18, for this Ecumenical Lenten Power and Light Program. All are urged to sign for one of the three Companies organized at different times and places:

Sunday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 at First Baptist Church

Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. at South Wayne Baptist

Thursday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 A.M. at First Christian.

This is the central growth experience planned for our congregation during the pre-easter Lenten Season. Other than the Drama participants we are trusting that participation will cover all our youth and adults.

The Spiritual Inventory which is a preparation piece has been available for two weeks now. The blue form needs to reach an offering plate or our church office by the first of next week.

The Bible commentary and study preparation to be read by participants along with the NT book of Ephesians will be available throughout our building beginning on Sunday.

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SERVING FEBRUARY 17

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and William Love

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee

7:00 P.M. Don Passwater

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, F. Richardson, R. Urich, J. Taylor

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, D. Young, J. Hechler, H. Stevenson, O. McDougle, B. Lehman, D. Allen, R. Ogles

Deaconesses

Mimi Hunt and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, M. Byers, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Gardner

Acoloytes

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein, B. Grimm

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPTIALS

Lutheran 670 Mrs. Kathryn Moser
634 Mrs. Lillian Busse

St. Joseph 917 Mrs. Judith Moore
806 Mrs. Marie Pritchard

Parkview 536 Mrs. Ruth Stucky
615 Mrs. Jeannette Grier

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Pauline V. Speicher, who had been a member since 1958, died on Saturday morning and services were on Monday. Sympathy is extended to her husband and son.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Roger Dale Parkerson and Mable Geraldine Price on February 8, 1974. They are residing at 1416 Getz Rd. 04, 432-4130.

COACHING STAFF FOR SPRING
EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT

Co-Coordinating Coaches - George Bruckman and William Love
Information Coach - Rex Clifton
Materials Coach - Bob Hendricks
Goal Setting Coach - Ron Flickinger
Resourcing Coach - Merle Rice
Presentation Coach - Fred Richardson
Assistant Presentation Coaches - Colyn Crowder and Michael Terry
Evaluating Coach - Merle Grimm assisted by Finance Committee
Pastoral Coach - Harold Cline

NEW O.M.S. CLASS OFFICERS

President - Barbara Schrock
Secretary - Treasurer - Ben Taylor

LAY WITNESS TRAINING CONFERENCE

Participating from our congregation in the Regionally sponsored event at Indianapolis from Friday through Sunday from our congregation will be: Andrea Benny, Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, Rocky, Lee, Melanie Baugher, Harold, Ruby, Chad, & Carol Cline, Marlene Crouse, Ray & Sharon Fredericks, Teresa Gardner, Marge Lehman, Mac & Tillie McNamee, Schellie Schell, Barb & Dawn Schrock, and Dean and Elsie Widler, Doyle Hardy will be leading and preaching Sunday morning of the absence of Dr. Cline, who is program coordinator for this training event.

CALL FOR MORE ACOLOYTES

Youth of Grades 5 to 8 interested in assisting with candlelighting during worship in addition to the 9 Sunday should contact Jerry Zimmerman or Dr. Cline

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON FEBRUARY 10, 1974

The January treasurer's report reported an increase in the budget operating fund from minus $760.10 on January 1 to minus $2,532.20 on January 31. This underscores a standing concern for maximal church giving regularly. Our expenditures have been held over $11,000 under budgeted amounts, but our giving is behind nearly $13,000.

Upon recommendation of the Membership Committee a motion was passed which calls for checking with all absent board members from either board meetings or Sunday worship or serving Sundays. The Membership Committee will implement the procedures through the various boards. The concern is both to encourage regular participation among leadership and also to become aware of needs and problems.

The board affirmed a request from the Constitutional Committee to work on updating Incorporation with legal help in addition to revising the constitution and by-laws. Wade Rubick, General Counsel for the General Office of the Christian Church, has pointed out some legal snarls in our present documentation and there is some obvious updating which is apparent to all.

The board voted to continue the experiment of a Sunday noon fellowship dinner followed by committee and board meetings for two more months. 60 members were present for this board meeting and there were some reports of excellent committee meetings in the preceding hour. The next dinner and meeting Sunday will be March 10. Six board members had notified the church about absence due to sickness or prior commitments.

The Worship committee reported it will continue notification of board meetings and also the scheduling of our Passion Drama, CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY, at 6:30 P.M. Sunday, April 6 at First Christian Church, Auburn and 7:30 P.M. on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 11 and 12 in our Nave. The Education Committee announced an inquiry sheet for workers and participants in Vacation Church School to list date and time preferences. Christian Action and Community Service announced the inauguration of a telephone contact plan among our church family who live alone. The C.W.F. announced the Community World Day of Prayer Service at 7:30 P.M., Friday March 1 at Faith Lutheran on East Pettit. The C.Y.F. announced their spring musical on Friday and Saturday nights, March 29 and 30. The pastor underscored the signing up for the Lenten Power and Light Program and the coming Week of Compassion special giving.

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CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - BRING PAPERS BEFORE 9:00 A.M. THAT DAY

POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (from page one)

This program utilizes rich Biblical bases as well as sound methodologies as designed by John and Ad Carr, who are highly trained persons and skilled in enabling persons through groups.

The leadership team from among our people includes: Sunday afternoon: Marlene Crouse, Ralph & Judy Church, Steve & Char Binkley, Ray Fredericks, and Don Passwater. Monday evenings: Miriam Bixenman, Doyle & April Hardy, Barbara Schrock, and Elsie Widler. Thursday morning: Peg Buskirk, Harold Cline, Hugh Rice, Connie Wells and Nancy Wortley.

Participants in each location as evidenced by the leadership will cross the lines of our particular congregation. Sign up for the time which is most satisfactory for the five weeks from February 24 to March 28.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our annual special giving for world relief and rehabilitation will be received in the special envelopes for the next two Sundays and will include the total Church School offering of February 24. Last year we gave $675. in special and $750 in budget for this exceptional cause of ministry in the name of Christ. Read THE DISCIPLE and other interpretave literature Sunday and in next week's TIDINGS. This cause should elicit at least $800 in special giving this year.

SEALED BIDS FOR SALE ITEMS DUE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Items on the stage in Fellowship Hall plus the Coke cooler in the west end and the pianos in rooms 130 and 132 are all tagged for sale. We are taking seased bids on all items. We encourage you to list the item number and what it is plus what you would give for it and your name. Simply list the item number on the outside of the envelope. Make sure these are received in the church office by Sunday night, February 17th. Buyers will be responsible for moving the items from our building.

ELECTIVE CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

When the new semester beging on March 3, the following new classes will be organized. If you have questions or would like to sign up for one of these contact the leader or Mrs. Bixenman.

1. Three month elective class using "A SECOND TOUCH" by Keith Miller led by Don Passwater in room 201.

2. Three month elective class for youth or adults using SERENDIPITY by Lyman Coleman led by Miriam Bixenman in room 301.

3. Ten Week elective series, "Discipleship Class" for older youth and adults led by Dr. Cline in room 120.

4. New permanent young couples' class using "NO LONGER STRANGERS" by Bruce Larson led by Doyle Hardy in room 300.

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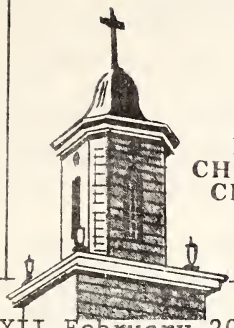

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
1:30 P.M. Youth Discipleship Class

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "Who Is He?" Harold E. Cline
Matthew 16:13-23
2:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee
4:00 P.M. Power and Light, First Baptist Church
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho, Jr. Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Power and Light, South Wayne Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28
9:15 A.M. Power and Light, Parlor
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
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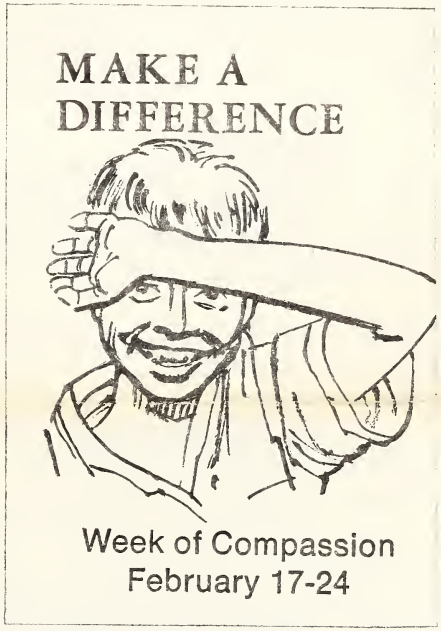
SOAP PRODUCTS
CANNED MEAT
PILLOWS



"Jesus--the man for others" and Jesus, who had compassion on the multitudes, confronts us this Sunday as we share in our annual special WEEK OF COMPASSION offering. All money received in the special envelopes for this purpose and the total Church School offering goes for this ministry of compassionate care in the name of Christ.

Our brotherhood goal for this cause is $1,050.000 $800 in special giving is a reasonable expectation for us, plus whatever can

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SERVING FEBRUARY 24

Elders

8:15 A.M David Griggs and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Earl Plummer and Rufus Quinn

7:00 P.M. David Griggs

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, S. Cole, R. Clifton, R. Ogles

10:45 A.M. J. Zimmerman, D. Short, T. Frappier, D. Pomeroy, E. Allen, R. Cole, V. Moore, H. Helmuth

Deaconesses

Mimi Hunt and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline, M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, M. Byers, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Gardner

Homebound Communion

Hugh Rice and John Hechler
Earl Plummer and Tom Frappier

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Cory Church and Dan Church

10:45 A.M. Dawn Schrock and Diana Wortley

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 634 Mrs. Lillian Busse
670 Mrs. Kathyn Moser

St. Joseph: 806 Mrs. Marie Pritchard

THANKS SO MUCH

Charles Speicher expresses to all a deep sense of appreciation for the many acts of love expressed in Pauline's illness and death. The demonstration of love has meant so very much.

READ--READ--READ

Books from the Church Library will be on display in Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Stop, browse awhile, and if you find a book you want, sign it out. Two Library Committee members will be there to help you. Get a book during our Fellowship Time after worship!

C.Y.F. VOTES POWER AND LIGHT

The C.Y.F. will not meet as a separate group for the next five Sundays, but voted to be participants in the Sunday Power and Light Company. Several special activities will also be calendared.

THANKS TO NORTH CHRISTIAN!

Our Pantry received 122 food items from the "Pantry Project" of the CWF of North Christian Church. We thank our sister church for this contribution of food items to be used in the Pantry ministry.

PAPER DRIVE BY CHI RHO

Newspapers are desired now. Papers need to be brought to the building by 9:00 this Saturday, February 23.

FUNERALS OF MEMBERS

Mrs. Ethel R. Koontz, who had been a member since 1946 died on February 12. Services were in our Nave by Dr. Cline on February 14. Sympathy is extended to her daughter, Lola Miller and the families of the grandchildren.

Lawrence A. Horn, who had served five terms as a deacon to the present and had been Church School superintendent at Aboite as a youth, died on February 14. Doyle Hardy conducted services on February 16 assisted by Hugh Rice. Sympathy is extended to Pauline and the family.

The Department of Public Welfare of Allen County
606 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana

JOHN E. HEINY
DIRECTOR

PHONE: 422-95

February 5, 1974

Reverend Harold E. Cline
First Christian Church
4800 South Calhoun
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46807

Dear Reverend Cline:

Betty Grimm has supplied me with a copy of her Pantry Report dated January 11, 1974. Needless to say I am overwhelmed at the amount of work that your volunteers are doing. The program is now two years old this month, and has developed far beyond any of the original founder's expectations.

To think you have aided almost 1,000 people since February, 1972 and have provided over 8,000 meals is certainly a splendid example of Christian concern.

The staff in our office have nothing but praise for your volunteers who are always available at short notice, and we have never been without a volunteer at any particular time. The leadership offered by Marilyn Frappier and now Betty Grimm is a fine example of how a well-coordinated, volunteer program can participate with a Public Social Welfare Agency.

Some day I would like for you to come to our Department, see our new facilities and be able to meet some of the people who work so closely with your volunteers. The efforts of your Church are most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Smith

Robert J. Smith, ACSW
Director of Social Services

RJS:kd

cc: Mrs. Betty Grimm
Mr. John E. Heiny
Mrs. Marilyn Frappier

WEEK OF COMPASSION (from page 1)
be sent from our budgeted goal of $1,200 from regular weekly giving. Inflation and changing world factors has increased the costs in this type of ministry immensely.

Human and emergency and refugee needs of the world receive ministry in the name of Christ. We of our nation who compose less than 6% of the world's population have over 50% of the world's wealth. The cries of hurting persons need to be heard by us. Week of Compassion is a Chirstian ministry to the hungry, homeless, and helpless. Our gifts will make a difference in life or death, hope or despair. God is love--this fact is difficult to realize when famine or earthquake or disease or homelessness from wars have ravished human life.

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in Him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth."

I John 3:16-18.

PASSION DRAMA CAST

Barbara Short has announced the following cast for CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY: Lee Baugher, Sara Davis, Rose Jenkins, Mel Busse, Tom Knuckles and Jim Taylor. Connie Wells is the assistant to the director.

FROM THE PASTOR:

I rejoice in the good words which came about Doyle's leadership last Sunday! I rejoice in the excellent and overwhelming support and participation in the Lay Witness Training Conference in Indianapolis! Praise God, he is at work in many places and in many ways!

One of the most heart-breaking things is hitting me this week. Only 15 of our persons have signed up at time of writing for the Lenten Power and Light Program. THIS IS PLANNED AS OUR LENTEN SEASON HIGHLIGHT! Much is being omitted so that this has central focus. Yes, we have 17 others on the leadership team, but we expected at least four to five times as many participants as leaders! If you have not given this serious thought--prayerfully consider the SPIRTUAL INVENTORY which has been available for the last three Sundays. Consider signing today by calling in to the church office. This is for <u>all ages</u> from high-school age to the oldest persons. The Thursday morning company here at our church was especially planned for mothers or for older persons who do not desire to be out at night. This is a unique program and different from anything which we have done here. It is Biblical and spiritual! It is designed to enable a deep Christian growth! CALL 744-3239 TODAY AND SIGN UP--MAKE YOUR CALL THE EARLIER THE BETTER.

Saturday, I look forward to the start of another Youth Discipleship Class. I ask your prayers in this and the many efforts of myself, Miriam and Doyle.

Harold E. Cline

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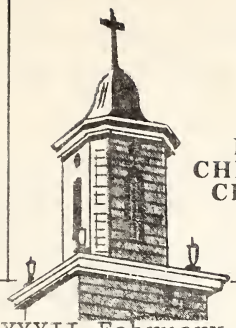

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
1:30 P.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Play Rehearsal
4:00 P.M. Power & Light
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & Jr. Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group
7:30 P.M. Power & Light
7:30 P.M. Constitution Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Martha Cole, 7430 U.S. 24 West

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Gwynth Rice, 7001 Premiere
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Esther Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Change Through Involvment, Parlor

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

9:15 A.M. Power & Light
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

LENTEN--EASTER SEASON

The Christian season or preparation and discipline looking forward to a fuller celebration of the climatic events of Christ's life began yesterday. Such a season calls for increased regularity in worship, study, personal disciplines of prayer and reading, and Christian involvement.

Dr. Cline introduced the sermons of this season with "WHO IS HE?" last Sunday. Hear this searching of Jesus, the Christ!

3/3 - "WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH JESUS?" - Matthew 21:33-46
3/10 - "JESUS: THE MAN FOR MAN" Phillipians 2:1-11
3/17 - "JESUS: THE MAN FOR OTHERS" Luke 4:16-37
3/24 - "THE MESSIAH BRINGS GOD NEAR" - John 4:5-26
3/31 - "FROM CRADLE TO CALVARY" - Matthew 21:12, 13
4/7 - Palm Sunday - "JESUS IS LORD!" - John 6:53-69; I Corinthians 12:3
4/14 - Easter Sunday - "AN EASTER CHURCH" - John 20; II Corinthians 5:17

SERVING MARCH 3

Elders

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. William Love and Floyd Morrical

7:00 P.M. Ben Taylor

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, W. Bowen, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. C. Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, A.E. Huddleston, J. Taylor, T. Knuckles, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Mimi Hunt and Doris Sauerwein

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, H. Stevenson, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Coffee Hour Hostess

Barbara Short

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. S. Grimm, P. Olson

10:45 A.M. Denise Schrock, T. Gardner

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 670 Mrs. Kathryn Moser
634 Mrs. Lillian Busse
594 Mrs. Dither Glass
489 Mr. Ed Bresler

St. Joseph: 806 Mrs. Marie Pritchard
Mrs. Claire Schryver (entering 2/25)

THANK YOU: *Thank you so much for the many cards and acts of kindness, the beautiful flowers. Especially we want to thank Dr. Cline and Doyle Hardy for their many visits and prayers at the hospital and home.*

Glenn & Lola Miller & family

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Six persons identified with us in a membership transfer from West Creighton Christian Church. Included are the grandparents, parents, and sister of Mel Busse, who is one of our regular choir soloists and asstant church school teacher.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES E. KING, 319 W. Creighton, #B, 07 - 745-7143 Charles is retired from Dana Corporation. Ethel cares for her husband in the home because of his health limitations.

MR. and MRS. AUTHUR BUSSE, 5221 Covington Road, 04 - 432-3201. Arthur is Building Supervisor for the Fort Wayne Country Club. Lillian is currently in Lutheran Hospital with foot problems caused by diabetes.

CAROLYN BUSSE lives at home with her parents and is employed as a secretary at Lincoln Life Insurance Company.

GARY H. FALBE, 2905 St. Louis Ave. 09 - 747-7056. Gary is an assembler at Dana Corporation. Gary hails from Michigan and is planning a fall wedding in our nave with Carolyn Busse.

FEBRUARY AVERAGES

Church Worship	304
Church School	165
Budget Giving	$1727.38
Appeal Giving	229.18

Heavy snow and ice plus much flu has made its impact on attendance now for 10 weeks. Let's move our worship over 400 per Sunday during Lent!

WEEK OF COMPASSION

$519.47 has been received to date. Opportunity to make a special offering for this ministry will be held open for one more Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL OPENS NEW SEMESTER THIS SUNDAY

All ages and all persons are invited to join in Church School study groups from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. each Sunday. This new quarter which runs through May should be a highlight time for regular participation.

NEW CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

NEW PERMANENT CLASS - Young Couples Class - Open for younger couples in 20's in room 300 using NO LONGER STRANGERS by Bruce Larson and led by Doyle Hardy.

THREE MONTH ELECTIVE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - for youth of grade 9 and above and adults to face basic issues of the Christian faith and of the church. Dr. Cline leads this combination presentation-discussion class in room 120 for members seeking to rethink, for newcomers or prospective members, or for couples planning or recently married.

THREE MONTH ELECTIVE CLASS: SERENDIPITY - Open to youth and adults using the book of this title by Lyman Coleman. Miriam Bixenman leads this study on Personal Relationships in room 301 with fresh methodologies and a Biblical base.

THREE MONTH ELECTIVE CLASS: SECOND TOUCH - Open to adults in room 201 using book by this title written by Keith Miller and Led by Don Passwater.

(Enrollment in an elective class does not mean giving up your membership in your regular class. At the end of the 13 weeks you will return to your regular group. An elective is simply a short term opportunity to study a particular subject intensively.)

REGULAR ADULT CLASSES

Friendly Class - a women's class meeting in room 231, taught by Jennie Morrical, using the Uniform Lessons, based on the Book of Acts.

Progressive Class - meeting in the Chapel, with Harold Crowder as teacher, using Uniform Lessons based on Acts.

Berean Class - meets in center area of Fellowship Hall, with Jack Williams as teacher, and is a Bible Study Group.

Come Double Class - meets in the south west area of Fellowship Hall, taught by Edna Vaught. Uses the Uniform Lessons, based on the Book of Acts.

58 Class - meets in the east end of Fellowship Hall, taught by Jack Weicker, uses the Uniform Lessons, based on the Book of Acts.

O.M.S. Class - taught by Ruby Cline, meets in the northwest area of Fellowship Hall. Currently using THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS, by Stewart.

College and Career Class - meeting in room 230, with Bill Franklin as teacher.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CLASSES ON PAGE FOUR

YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Youth III - for 11th & 12 graders, will meet in room 332, studying WORSHIP AND YOU.

Youth II - for 9th and 10th graders, meeting in room 331, taught by Tom Frappier and Mel Busse, studying FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY.

Youth I - for 7th and 8th graders, meeting in room 330, taught by Jim Ruble and Merle Rice, studying COME ALIVE.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Fifth & Sixth Grade Class - Meeting in room 333, taught by Tom and Sue Knuckles, studying NOT BY MYSELF.

Third & Fourth Grade Class - Meeting in room 130, taught by Jack and Doris Sauerwein, studying WE ARE GROWING.

Second Grade Class - Meeting in room 133, taught by Helen Clymore and Sylvia Smith, studying GROWING UP.

First Grade Class - Meeting in room 132, taught by Helen Williams and Lois Finkhousen, studying GROWING UP.

Kindergarten Class - Meeting in room 131, taught by Marilyn Frappier, Marilyn Byers, Mary Ann Heiney, and Norma Andrews, studying GOD PLANS FOR US TO GROW. For 4 and 5 year olds, reaching those ages before October 1, 1973.

Nursery Class - Meeting in room 235, taught by Andrea Benny, Sandy Zimmerman, and Pat Norman, studying material especially prepared for those who were two or three years old before October 1, 1973.

Crib and Toddler's Room - Meeting in room 233, with Karen Flickinger. This is a teaching situation for toddler's who were not two by October 1.

SALE OF ITEMS AND OPEN DOOR

Letters have been mailed to the highest bidders asking them to bring a check to the office and remove their items by March 9. The following items received no bid and so may be taken on a first come, first serve basis: Coke machine, Coke case rack, joined, solid and slated folding chairs, carpet pieces, awning, mirror, coffee urns, old mimeograph, portable camp potty.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER . . . .Join this community service at 1:30 P.M., Friday, March 1, at Faith Lutheran, 1700 E. Pettit.

LAST CALL---YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Youth of Grades 6, 7, & 8 are invited to the special class led by Dr. Cline continuing through March each Saturday--1:30 to 4:00 P.M. This is background for possible basic commitments to Christ and the church. This week the participants of the Grade 7 & 8 class will join the party of their Church School class at 4:00 P.M.

CALLING MEN

7:30 this Saturday the 2nd is breakfast for fellowship and interaction based on a short tape by Bishop James Armstrong of the Methodist Church.

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT

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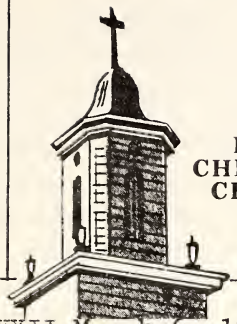

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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Volume XXXII March 6, 1974 No. 10

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
1:30 P.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Fellowship Dinner
1:15 P.M. Committees, Fellowship Groups
2:30 P.M. Board
3:30 P.M. Pre-Marriage Enrichment
4:00 P.M. Power & Light
4:00 P.M. Play Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 11
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Power & Light
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Mildred Hartman and Mildred Hutchinson, 422 Oakdale

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Maude Donohue, 2724 Hoagland

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Valetta Parlette, 4006 Tacoma
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
9:15 A.M. Power & Light
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

CHURCH FAMILY DAY

Success during February has caused us to continue for the present the combining of much into one Sunday. Regular worship is set for the three hours plus Church School in the morning. At 12:15 P.M. is a pitch-in Fellowship Dinner for all members and friends. Bring food comparable to family size and also your own table service.

At 1:15 P.M. all the functional committees will meet plus child care, children's story hour, Junior Disciples, and Chi Rho Fellowship. Senior Citizens are also invited to join the Christian Action and Community Service Committee in the Parlor for planning of future events.

At 2:30 P.M. the church board will meet in the East Fellowship Hall. Simultaneous with this meeting will be movies for all ages in the chapel and a Family Craft project under the leadership of Dorothy Ikenberry in Room 120.

We are concerned to have all in worship and as near 100% as possible for the committee and board meetings. Those prevented by illness or out of town commitments are asked to call the chairman or the church office.

SERVING MARCH 10

Elders

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and George Davis

7:00 P.M. Merle Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, F. Richardson, B. Lehman, R. Clifton

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, D. Young, D. Short, J. Hechler, H. Stevenson, O. McDougle, D. Allen, T. Ogles

Deaconesses

Ruby Mowery and Betty Grimm

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, H. Stevenson, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. S. Ludwig, B. Richardson

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe, G. Heiney

Homebound Communion

Dean Widler and Don Pomeroy

Rolland Ripple and Delmas Young

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 224 Mrs. Tillie McNamee

St. Joseph: 812 Mrs. Claire Schryver

806 Mrs. Marie Pritchard

Lutheran: 634 Mrs. Lillian Busse

594 Mrs. Dither Glass

469 Mr. Ed Bresler

322 Mrs. Ethel Huddleston

491 Mrs. Anna Chasar

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Mrs. Kathryn Moser on March 1, 1974. Mrs. Moser was a member of Aboite Christian Church. Sympathy to husband, Ed, and other relatives.

HOME COMMUNION

Our elders and deacons are taking communion to homes and hospitals every other Sunday morning. This coming Sunday, the 10th, is a home communion Sunday. We welcome standing invitations to our member homes for communion or for special requests to the home or hospitals when illness or other physical limitations prevent participation in one of our worship hours. Feel free to call the church office or contact Dr. Cline for appointments. This allows us as a community to share the feast of the Lord's Supper as a community of love in spite of limitations.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

All women of the church are invited to come and bring a mother and/or daughter or one "adopted" for the occasion. It will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. Ticket deadline is March 13. Tickets are $1.25 for adults and 75¢ for ages 3-12. Come and bring guests. Buy tickets from circle leaders, at the fellowship coffee hour after Divine Worship, or from the church office.

A THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friends,

The children and I sincerely appreciate your gracious expression of sympathy through the lovely flowers, also the visits of so many were appreciated.

Sincerely,
Pauline Horn

PANTRY NEEDS:

Cereals
Peanut Butter
Powdered Milk

CHURCH FAMILY DAY - MARCH 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship - Second Sunday of Lent
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship - Lenten Sermons continue
12:15 P.M. Pitch-in Dinner for all in Fellowship Hall
1:15 P.M. Committees, Children and Senior Citizens plus informal free fellowship time for those not involved.

COMMITTEES: Christian Action & Community Service in Parlor
Christian Education - 301
Information Services - 201
Finance - 120
Worship - 332
Evangelism - 300
World Outreach - 200
Property - 331
Membership - 333

CHILDREN: Child Care - 233
Junior Disciples - 130
Story Hour 131
Chi Rho - 330

SENIOR CITIZENS: All invited to join in special planning session with CACS Committee in Parlor

2:30 P.M. Church Board in East Fellowship Hall
Movies for all ages shown by Chad Cline in Chapel
Easter Craft Project led by Dorothy Ikenberry in Room 120
For families, youth, adults, & especially senior citizens. Bring bits of ribbon, sequins, lace, braid, ric rac from home; sets from old costume jewelry, small artifical flowers and/or small rabbits, chickens, or other Easter figures. Styrofoam ball or egg-shaped.
3:30 P.M. Pre-Marriage Enrichment Course sponsored by churches of south Fort Wayne in Parlor.
4:00 P.M. "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY" play practice in Nave
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

PRE-MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

This 10 hour special study series sponsored by churches in south Fort Wayne will be held in our Parlor for the next four Sunday afternoons. All seriously contemplating marriage plus all with scheduled weddings should make every effort to participate. If you have questions, contact the church office or Dr. Cline. Registration is due immediately.

COMING OPPORTUNITIES

LAITY HAPPENING - This event sponsored by the Christian Church in Indiana uses a capable aray of leadership from our churches in this over-night program planned for families, March 22-23 (Friday night and Saturday) at the University Park Christian Church in Indianapolis. See Miriam Bixenman for registration.

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP - In Cleveland on Saturday, April 6. Register now through Miriam Bixenman.

PERSONAL MENTION
(Additional items received since printing page 2 or not room there.)

IN HOSPITALS:
Parkview 409 Mrs. Joan Gumpp
Methodist Hospital (16th & Capital, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204) Mr. Ron Gerow (Ron is down with infectious hepititus - there home address is: 14 Roamin Ct., Greenwood Indiana, 46142)

THANK YOU NOTES
"I wish to thank the family of God for your prayers, cards and visits during my hospitalization last fall - but even more for your prayers the past few days. These prayers have been felt in rapid progress during the past week."

Merle Rice

"We appreciate your kindness and all the wonderful things the church has done for Les and I. Thank you very much."

The Leslie Futterers'

C.W.F. THANK YOU FOR SERVICE
"Thank you so much for your participation and fantastic service to the patients at the Allen County Health Center. The Gift Life was a tremendous success and we couldn't have pleased the patients without your efforts.

It was a pleasure to work with everyone this year and it is because of groups such as yours that the Gift Life is possible.

The residents and the Jane Addams Society with to extend their sincere appreciation.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Hammons
Mary Ann Kleinrichert

FROM THE PASTOR:

Greetings--sun and warmth bring a joy and expectation in this season! May we also find the depth of gratitude to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ in this Lenten Season.

I rejoice in the significance which some are finding in the Power and Light Program. I rejoice that the lines of the drama, "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY", are gripping to cast members. I rejoice in interaction and comments from sermons the past two Sundays. I rejoice in the "Up" participation in Church School. I rejoice that our February experiment with a dinner then committee and board met with such strong support. I rejoice in the steadiness and progress of our constitution revision committee work. I rejoice in the depth of life experienced in relationships and evident growth of some persons. Praise God for his gifts!

May I underscore several challenges right now.

1. Invite and bring others with you as you come to study and worship regularly in this Lenten Season.

2. Join us Sunday for the rich fellowship opportunity as a family as well as the responsibility to do serious work in committees and the board.

3. Pray for your own spiritual rootage and also for others. Care and relate to one another as we grow in a sense of community and anticipation towards our Easter celebration.

May God's grace and peace be yours today! Harold E. Cline

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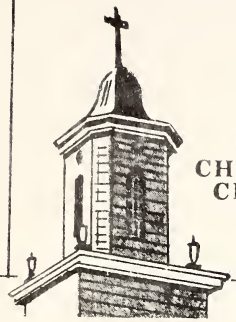

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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Volume XXXII March 13, 1974 No. 11

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
1:30 P.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:30 P.M. E.M.C. Captains Meeting
3:30 P.M. Pre-Marriage Enrichment
4:00 P.M. Power & Light
4:00 P.M. Play Rehearsal
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho, Jr. Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 P.M. Power & Light
7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 P.M. Mother-Daughter Banquet
7:30 P.M. Change Through Involvment, Parlor

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:15 A.M. Power & Light
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
Powdered Milk
Baby Food
Canned Meat

TO BELONG IN CHRIST & CHURCH

At the heart of the life of the church is the decision to stand in the relationship with God offered in the gift of Jesus Christ. Our Church confronts faith on the affirmation, Jesus is the Christ or Messiah, the Son of the living God and personal Lord and Savior. We believe open confession of this inward faith, repentence consciously towards Him, and baptism in him are basic in Christian commitment. A relationship is formed in which one stands in the conscious relationship of God's unconditional love. This is essential or primary allegiance in Christ.

To be a part of Christ is inseparable from being a part of his body, the church. The church consists of those persons who are in Christ. We call persons not only to make allegiance in Christ but to covenant with our congregation in a common relationship with him. Many persons need to accept the community of love and privilege as well as the responsible ministry to be expressed in this organized group. We feel that to be a conscious part of our church fellowship is a relationship of both "re-

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SERVING MARCH 17

Elders

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Hugh Rice

10:45 A.M. David Griggs and Bert Leversee

7:00 P.M. William Crouse

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, G. Ludwig, S. Cole, E. Allen

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, R. Urich, D. Pomeroy, R. Cole, V. Moore, R. Ogles, R. Wortley, R. Johnson

Deaconesses

Genevieve Ripple and Betty Grimm

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, H. Stevenson, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Beth Schilling and Bill Schilling

10:45 A.M. Brenna Ruble and Lorinda Ruble

Coffee Hour Hostess

April Hardy

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Methodist in Indianapolis

C-802 - Mr. Ron Gerow

Parkview: 409 Mrs. Joan Gumpp

744 - Mrs. Tillie McNamee

S121 - Mrs. Jane Wambach

516 - Mrs. Zola Pattengale

St. Joseph: 615 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

812 Mrs. Claire Schryver

Lutheran: 634 Mrs. Lillian Busse

596 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

594 - Mrs. Dither Glass

322 - Mrs. Ethel Huddleston

A PASSION WEEK "MUST"

"CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY"

is a moving drama which an adult cast from our congregation will be presenting three times during Holy Week. This drama tells the passion story by recounting the story both in its setting and in contemporary life and has a thread of the universal and timeless truth of the events running as a thread through it all.

On Palm Sunday evening, April 7, at 6:30 P.M. it will be presented for the District Youth Event at First Christian Church in Auburn. This performance is also open to the public. It will be presented as the basic content input for our Maundy Thursday Communion at 7:30 on April 11. The final performance will be Good Friday evening as one of the community services at 7:30 P.M. on April 12. Be sure to see at least one of these opportunities.

HOME COMMUNION

With several additions of home communion and some hospital requests, our elders and deacons took home communion to 13 appointments last Sunday. We welcome the request for this ministry to any confined at home or hospital either on a short term or permanent basis. Our next Sunday out will be March 24.

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA

Margaret Love sends appreciation for prayers and her greetings to all She has been to Bakersfield helping her mother to see her property and to get established in a Retirement Home. She anticipates being back here the first week in April.

CHURCH BOARD REPORT FROM MARCH 10, 1974

12 elders, 14 deacons, 12 deaconesses, and 10 other members were present for the regular March meeting. The April meeting was set for 2:30 P.M. on Sunday April 21.

The treasurer's report indicated the problem from the lack of budget giving since July 1--the budget overspent $1,011.17 during February and thus was $3,534.37 in the red as of February 28. Our checking acount was carried by the undisbursed balances of $928.23 in Transitory and $2,785.08 in Centennial and Indiana Appeal receipts. These figures show the need of regular and proportionate giving on the part of all members and friends of the church. Giving needs to reflect increases in salary, wages, earnings, or any source of income.

The Constitution Committee presented its tentative working draft of the revised constitution for information and discussion. The committee would appreciate written comments or suggestions from any board member or member of the church. This informational copy can be secured from the church office. The committee is now proceding on the revision of the by-laws.

Informational pieces distributed to the board included the clerk's report of new members, transfers, deaths, and address changes or additions; a deacon serving schedule through June; and a sermon schedule through June Resignations were regretfully accepted from Sharon Fredericks and Evelyn Yeoman as deaconesses.

Positive response was given to the increased usage of THE TIDINGS for church and board communication rather than expensive direct mailings. The board agenda and report will regularly be in THE TIDINGS. We ask the help of all to keep expenses down through lessened usage of first class mailings and increased usage of TIDINGS.

Generally favorable reaction was given to the possibility of becoming a signer with the First Spanish Christian Church of Gary on an interest-free loan with the Board of Church Extension. This will be pursued only as an option if other arrangements can not be worked through by the Administrative Committee of the Regional Board. If action is taken by us, a committee would work on details and then it would be presented to the board and congregation.

The property committee reported three maintenance items which will need to be scheduled this year: roof repair, parking lot blacktop repair and resealing, and painting of outside trim. Stewardship reported a meeting of the E.M.C. Captains for 2:30 next Sunday the 17th. Worship announced a program for encouraging uniform Easter lilies for the worship nave and a children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, April 13.

TO BELONG (from page one)

ceiving" and "giving." Time and circumstances continually cause one or the other to be foremost.

This living bond is evidenced in active participation in common life of worship, study, fellowship and service and in the ministry to others near and far. To belong is an important relationship. Would you make this step?

Our Invitation Hymn in each of our three worship services every Sunday is a time of DECISION FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. To put off is to make a negative decision. Stand up and make an affirmation of your life in Christ. If there are questions concerning a decision, please make contact with Dr. Cline. We are planning for a confession and baptism this Sunday. We hope and pray that many decisions will be expressed in the coming weeks.

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

Several cars are expected from our congregation to go to Cleveland, Ohio, for a workshop to be led by Lyman Coleman on Saturday, April 6. Fill out a registration and get the $7.50 to Mrs. Miriam Bixenman as soon as possible.

PRAYER AS THEY SERVE ELSEWHERE

Pray for Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk as they share on the team for a Lay Witness Mission at First Christian Church in Saginaw, Michigan, this weekend.

SALE OF ITEMS BY BID: All items which received bids have now been taken and a total of $420 has been received from those who had the highest bids.

TO FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Miriam Bixenman, Edna Vaught, Peg Buskirk, and Harold Cline of our congregation will be in St. Louis for the Festival of Hope from March 20 to 23. The leadership team includes: Cuthbert Bardsley, Bishop of Coventry, England; Mary Cosby, pioneer with her husband, The Church of the Savior, Washington, D.C.; Gary Demorest, Minister of LaCanada Presbyterian Church, California; Louis Evans, Jr., Minister of National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.; Keith Miller, author; Bruce Larson, author; Loyd Ogilvie, Hollywood Presbyterian Church, California; and Lyman Coleman, Serendipity leader.

FAREWELL DINNER FOR FREDERICKS:

An open pitch-in dinner is planned for 12:15 P.M., Sunday, March 24 for any who would share in it. It is being held in recognition of the moving of Ray, Sharon, and Diane Fredericks from us to South Bend, where is is not District Administrator for NCR. This is open for any interested persons or families---bring a covered dish and table service on the 24th!

WEEK OF COMPASSION

A check for $1,000 is being sent this week to undergird this ministry for self-help, rehabilitation, and emergency aid--all in the name of Christ.

EASTER LILIES AS MEMORIALS

The Worship Committee is offering the opportunity to order an Easter Lily to be in the Worship Nave on Easter Sunday. Cost of the lilies is $6.00. Call the church office to order one or more.

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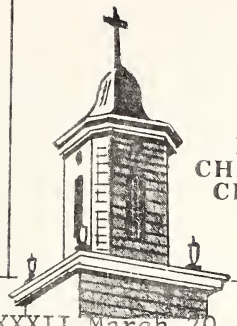

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
1:30 P.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Farewall Dinner for Fredericks
3:00 P.M. Play Rehearsal
3:30 P.M. Pre-Marriage Enrichment
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho, Junior Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

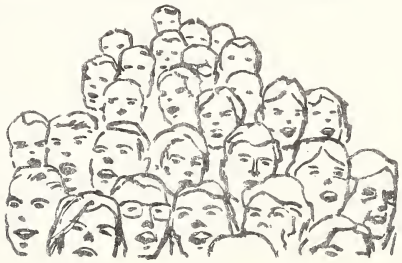
MONDAY, MARCH 25
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Power & Light

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Goal Setting Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
9:15 A.M. Power & Light
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
Powdered Milk
Main Dish Dinners
Canned Meat



Let every tongue confess
JESUS CHRIST
IS LORD

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name . . . . crown Him Lord of all" climaxed our Divine Worship last Sunday morning. Several have described their experience of a moving Celebration Worship on Sunday evening.

The focus of our lives and of our worship experiences is to confess the Lordship of Jesus Christ over every facet of human existence. This begins with the initial surrender of life to Him. It needs the openness to survey and surrender each day to Him. Sometimes, it takes crises to awaken and open us to new levels of yieldness to His Lordship.

I invite every reader physically able to join us next Sunday as we hail Jesus as Lord!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING MARCH 24

Elders

8:15 A.M. David Griggs and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Don Passwater and Earl Plummer

7:00 P.M. Dean Widler

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, J. Sauerwein, T. Ogles, H. Helmuth

10:45 A.M. C. Hetrick, D. Young, W. Koehlinger, A. Huddleston, W. Bowen, J. Taylor, R. Aker, H. Stevenson

Deaconesses

Genevieve Ripple and Betty Grimm

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, H. Stevenson, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Homebound Communion

David Griggs and Orie McDougle
Robert Rayl and Tom Knuckles

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 634 Mrs. Lillian Busse
623 Mrs. Maud Miller
596 Mr. Art Mowery
689 Mrs. Elizabeth Gerrard

St. Joseph 907 Jack Bennett

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

George Washington Marks III and Sue Ellen Morris on March 16, 1974. She will be joining him in his military service location in June.

HOME COMMUNION: Contace the church office if you would like to be added to the standing list or be served this Sunday.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

PHYLLIS A. PUSEY, 10719 U.S. 27 South, Lot 50, 16, 639-6455, made her confession of faith and was baptized during Divine Worship last Sunday. Her parents from Portland, Indiana, shared this special day with her. Phyllis is employed at the Lincoln National Life Insurnace Co. and also works part-time at Sears. She is a bowler and enjoys people.

Andrea Benny expressed a recommitment of life also during this service. She was joined in kneeling by Carole Overmyer. We rejoice in the expression of decisions and are aware of others seriously contemplating personal expressions to Christ and the church in coming weeks.

OPEN FAREWELL DINNER

An open pitch-in dinner is planned for 12:15 P.M. this Sunday, March 24, for interested persons in recognition of the impending move of Ray, Sharon, and Diane Fredericks to South Bend. Bring covered dishes and table service. Due to this dinner the Coffee Hour will be held in the church parlor.

EASTER LILIES

Decorative Easter lilies either as gifts or as memorials may be ordered through the church office. The cost will be $6. If you are interested call the church office, or better yet, send a check for $6. and indicate names for a memorial and donors. State whether you will pick up the flower after morning worship on Easter or if you would prefer it be delivered to a homebound member. The deadline will be April 10.

ELDERS MEETING: Next Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 P.M. in Room 120.

CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL FOR RESPONSE IN FAITH

We are on the third and final year of special over and above giving for this combined program. We hope to reach our pledged goal by December 31 of this calendar year.

During 1971, First Christian Church celebrated its 100th Anniversery. Two projects were undertaken without the financial undergirding beforehand, namely, $15,615.79 for local building improvements, and outdoor sign and bulletin board; and $15,000 was pledged for the completing of the third floor of the Emily Flinn Home for aged in Marion. Thus, $30,000 was borrowed to pay these items. In November and December, we asked for commitments to cover these costs plus $2,296.60 for the Centennial program and $3,345.87 which has now been paid in loan interests. At the same time, our Regional Church approached us with the goal of at least $25,000 towards the accumulated debt for capital outreach needs and for new regional and brotherhood capital programs.

The Centennial needs and the Indiana regional needs were combined in a special pledge asking in November-December of 1971. 140 commitments totaled $64,536.40. All receipts for this giving have been divided with 57% for the Centennial loan and interest and 43% for the Indiana Appeal program. Currently, we have a debt of $8,921.77 and have $10,000 yet to remit to the region toward our goal. This fund had a balance of $2,785.08 at the end of February.

We recognize that we have had many newcomers since these pledges were received. We would invite gifts from any member or friend of the church for this cause. It must be clearly marked on your giving envelope--Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving. All unmarked giving goes toward our regular budget support.

The combined efforts of all of us can insure a complete success by December 31, 1974. We enjoy our carpeting in the nave and narthex! We enjoy the repainting of the nave! We are glad that our signs outside clearly identify our church building! Let's complete this phase of improvement and outside sharing!

Because of our support and that of other churches, the Flinn Home is operating the completed floor and is consistently running a full capacity of 150 persons. The regional indebtedness from over-extension in worthy projects during the 1960's without adequate church financial support is down to $276,794.96 and should be erased within a year. $57,283 has been used for capital needs in our Overseas Ministries and $57,283 has been used in Homeland Ministries for capital programs. We rejoice in the accomplishments of our outreach support!

DISTRICT AND REGIONAL CYF MEETS

District I CYF Meet is Sunday, April 7, from 2:30 to 7:30 P.M. at First Christian Church in Auburn. Registration is $2.00 including meal, insurance, and program.

The program includes "THE REVELATIONS", a singing group from Auburn; worship led by Elkhart CYF; and the drama, CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY by our adult cast.

The business session will elect District I representatives to the Regional Youth Commission and will nominate state officers.

Sign up now with Doyle Hardy because reservations have a deadline of April 1.

"FOR GOD'S SAKE...SHARE" is the theme of the Regional CYF event at North Christian in Columbus on Friday and Saturday, April 26-27. Girls need sleeping bags for staying over in the church and boys will be in homes. Registration is limited to the first 250 youth so sign up soon with Doyle Hardy.

Kent Schneider from the Center for Contemporary Celebration at Purdue is a guest resource leader. Workshops and worship will continue Saturday. Our own Val Williams, who serves as a regional officer; has given significant input into this event. All youth grades 9-12 are invited.

Remember to sign up soon because it is limited to the first completely registered youth. Registration is $5 but the church will pay one-half of this.

PRAY FOR MEMBERS ON LWM

Dean and Elsie Widler will be serving on the Lay Witness Mission team at E. 49th Street Christian Church in Indianapolis this weekend Dr. Cline served as an assistant pastor for this congregation in 1949-50.

KEYNOTES TO GOD'S KINGDOM

This singing group is coming to our church on Sunday March 31 at 2:30 P.M. Patty Wetzel of our congregation is a member of this group of all state students. The hour program will include group songs, solos, ensembles, and sharing. It will be informal with special appeal to youth but for all ages.

As of March 15th, they had sung in three churches and will have another engagement at 4:30 P.M. in another local church on the same day with us.

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT

An intensive effort of goal-setting, presenting and talking, and commitment is under way. All coaches were present last Sunday afternoon for an opening meeting. The Goal-Setting unit will meet on Wednesday, March 27. The following dates are important for our entire church family:

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION SESSION
1:15 P.M., Sunday, April 28

PRESENTATION SUNDAY - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M., Sunday, May 19

PENTECOST AND DEDICATION SUNDAY
8:15 and 10:45 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., Sunday, June 2

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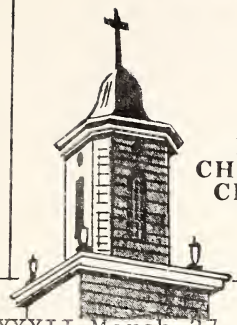

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
1:30 P.M. Youth Discipleship
SUNDAY, MARCH 31
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:30 P.M. "Keynotes to God's Kingdom" group sing
3:30 P.M. Pre-Marriage Enrichment
4:00 P.M. Play Rehearsal
5:30 P.M. C.Y.F., Chi Rho, Junior Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, APRIL 1
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group
TUESDAY, APRIL 2
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Fern Kenline, 2614 Abbey Dr. #1
12:30 P.M. Senior Citizen's Luncheon and Meeting
7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group
7:30 P.M. Play Rehearsal
THURSDAY, APRIL 4
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
FRIDAY, APRIL 5
7:30 P.M. Dress Rehearsal, "Christ in the Concrete City"

COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SING

"Keynotes to God's Kingdom" --- a group of Ball State students including our Patty Wetzel is coming to sing this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. Group songs, solos, ensembles, and sharing will be included. It will be accompanied by the piano and guitars. Contemporary and Gospel Rock music will be used.

Even though there might be special appeal for youth, this is open to all ages and to guests. We have invited neighboring churches to share this event. The group is self-organized although it came from students participating in the Wesley Foundation at Ball State.

"WHO IS HE?" SERMONS CONTINUE

"From Cradle to Calvary" is the sermon this Sunday March 31. Background Scriptures are Matthew 21:12, 13; I Peter 2:18-25; Luke 2:7, 23:33.

"Jesus is Lord!" is the Palm Sunday climax to the series on April 7. Scriptures are John 6:53-69 and I Corinthians 12:3.

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SERVING MARCH 31

Elders

8:15 A.M. Larry Barnes and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Rufus Quinn and John Merrill

7:00 P.M. Mark Snyder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, R. Clifton, G. Ludwig, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, D. Short, J. Hechler, O. McDougle, B. Lehman, D. Allen, H. Helmuth, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Edna Nordblom and Jennie Morrical

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, H. Stevenson, J. Kirsch J. Frappier

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Dan Church, Cory Church

10:45 A.M. Dawn Schrock, Denise Schrock

Coffee Hour Hostess

Dorothy Morris

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 623 Mrs. Maud Miller
589 Mrs. Ethel Huddleston
493 Mrs. Lillian Busse

St. Joseph 907 Jack Bennett

PRAY FOR LWM TEAM MEMBERS

Sharing elsewhere in Lay Witness Missions as team members this weekend are: Lee and Rocky Baugher, Barbara Schrock at the First Christian Church, Bargersville, Indiana. Please share in prayer in their behalf.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

JOHN EDWARD MORRIS, son of Dorothy Morris, 4030 Oliver, 06, 442-8653, made his confession of faith on Sunday morning and was baptized on Sunday evening. John is a fifth grader at Abbott School. He is interested in carpentry and caricature drawings.

The Easter season tends to be a highlight time for basic commitments to Christ and the church. We are anxious to be available to any person considering such a step. Please feel free to call Dr. Cline at 744-3239 or 747-6587. Decisions for Christ are important.

"CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY"

This passion drama is receiving much time and attention from these people: Barbara Short, director; Connie Wells, assistant director; Lee Baugher, Sara Davis, Rose Jenkins, Mel Busse, Tom Knuckles, and Jim Taylor, cast members; Russ Wortley and Mike Terry, lighting; Linda Wiley, Sharon Fredericks, and Nancy Terry, costumes. Their first performance is open to the public although it is a part of the District I CYF Assembly. It will be at 6:30 P.M., Sunday, April 7, at First Christian Church in Auburn. The two performances here are:

Maundy Thursday Communion - 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 11.

Community Good Friday Service 7:30 P.M., Friday, April 12

Be sure to plan to attend at least one performance and invite and bring friends and relatives with you.

EASTER LILIES

Decorative Easter lilies either as gifts or as memorials may be ordered through the church office. The cost will be $6. If you are interested call the church office, or better yet, send a check for $6 and indicate names for a memorial and donors. State whether you will pick up the flower after morning worship on Easter or it you would prefer it be delievered to a homebound member. The deadline will be April 10.

YOUTH MEETING FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A YOUTH PROGRAM OF ANY KIND AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ARE ASKED TO BE HERE FOR A MEETING THIS SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 31, AT 5:30 P.M. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU BE HERE.

CYF YOUTH--ACTION NEEDED

Registration including $1 for the District event at Auburn on April 7th from 2:30 to 7:30 P.M. is due now in the hands of Doyle Hardy or Miriam Bixenman. The deadline is this Sunday the 31st. We would like to see 15 high schoolers go to Auburn! Paid registrants to date: Lee Ann Urich, Barbara Taylor and Melanie Tracey.

Since the State CYF Event at Columbus on April 26-27 has a limited registration, it is important to get your $2.50 towards this event to Doyle NOW!

State Officers and district representatives to the state commission will be nominated at Auburn and elected at Columbus.

TELEPHONE MINISTRY BEGINS

On April 1, a new type of ministry will begin at First Christian Church. Some 61 of our folks who live alone will begin receiving one telephone call each day simply to check to see if all is well with them. This type ministry has been a felt need for some time, especially since one or two of our people have become ill and, had someone not happened to call, no one would have known. Our folks will be calling each other on a planned basis and will notify the church office if they are not able to reach the individual called. In this way, we will know daily that all of our folks living alone are well, or immediately if someone needs help. If you do not receive a letter concerning this ministry, and would like to be called daily, please call Rosemary Krull (432-6181) or the church office and we will see that you are placed on the list.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

The luncheon for our Senior Citizens (all those retired, living alone, or over 60) will be held at 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 2, in Fellowship Hall. Persons interested in a regular program for this group (tentatively known as DMA-Don't Mention Age-Group are urged to be here. If you need transportation call Miriam Bixenman by March 31. Each person attending is asked to bring a covered dish of salad, dessert, or vegetable and their own table service. A meat casserole, rolls, and beverage will be provided. Dorothy Ikenberry will be the presiding person at this meeting

SERMONS CONTINUE (from page 1)

Join in worship and praise each Sunday at one of our three opportunities -- 8:15 A.M. -- 10:45 A.M. -- 7:00 P.M. Worship lays a firm foundation for a seven story week!

CWF QUADRENNIAL AT PURDUE

This highlight for Women from June 24 to 28 is open for registration, in fact the deadline is May 1. All women are invited to participate where over 3,000 women will meet for spiritual enrichment, discussion, worship, and fellowship. Registration is $65 which covers all costs for program, housing, and meals. Secure registration forms from the church office of from Judy Church.

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP TRAINING

This event on Saturday, April 6, in Cleveland, Ohio, must be registered for by giving $7.50 to Miriam Bixenman. Registrants at time of writing include: Harold, Ruby Chad, and Carol Cline and Miriam Bixenman.

BUDGET GIVING

Only $1,238.39 was received last Sunday--we need to go over $3,000 this week to be at all solvant.

PONDER THIS - - - -

If the World were a global village of 100 people, 70 of them would be unable to read, and only one would have a college education. Over 50 would be suffering from malnutrition and

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FORT WAYNE FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH AT WORK

This new informal group celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ in life meets the first Saturday night of each month. In March, 18 churches were represented among the 43 persons sharing the group. The next gathering is at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 6th at the Adult Center of First Baptist Church. This is open to any interested persons seeking community in Christ and with his people.

Several of our congregation are planning to attend the Hoosier Faith at Work Conference on May 3-5 in Bloomington. See Dr. Cline for registration material--word is that the conference will soon be full. It is limited to about 500.

PONDER THIS (from column one)

over 80 would live in what we call substandard housing. If the world were a global village of 100 residents, 6 of them would be Americans. These 6 would have half the village's entire income and the other 94 would exist on the other half. How would the wealthy 6 live "in peace" with their neighbors? Surely they would be driven to arm themselves against the other 94 . . perhaps even to spend, as we do, more per person on military defense than the total person income of the others.

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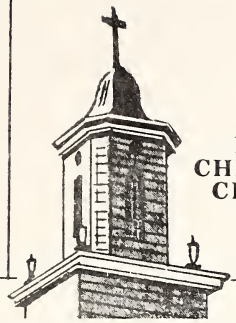

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:30 P.M. Presentation Team Leader's Meeting
2:30 P.M. District I CYF Meet in Auburn
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho, Jr. Disciples
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 8

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Parlor
7:30 P.M. Open House for Widlers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Genevieve Ripple, 3405 Central
7:30 P.M. Change Through Involvement
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group Delores Overmyer 5443 Winchester Rd.
7:30 P.M. Dress Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Drama and Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

12:00 to 3:00 P.M. Good Friday Services, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren
7:30 P.M. Drama in Sanctuary

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

MORNING SERMON: "JESUS IS LORD!"
Climax to series, "Who Is He?"
John 6:53-59, I Corinthians 12:3

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.
Natalie Urich & Mel Busse, soloists

DIVINE WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.
--Palm Sunday Processional
"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"
by children's and youth choirs
--Special Music by Mel Busse and anthems by Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.
A personal, relational and spontaneous worship participation.

SERVING APRIL 7

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. George Davis and Merle Rice

7:00 P.M. Hugh Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, S. Cole, R. Wortley, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. W. Koehlinger, T. Frappier, D. Pomeroy, R. Cole, E. Allen, R. Ogles, T. Ogles

Deaconesses

Edna Nordblom and Jennie Morrical

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, C. McDougle, R. Chevalier, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Steve Grimm, Pat Olson

10:45 A.M. Clint Crowe, Greg Heiney

Coffee Hour Hostess

Marge Lehman

Homebound Communion

John Merrill, Ed Allen Sr. William Schilling, Robert Urich Mark Snyder, Robert Hendricks

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 493 Mrs. Lillian Busse
569 Mrs. Ethel Huddleston

St. Joseph's: 907 Mr. Jack Bennett

Parkview: 330 Mrs. Jane Wambach

THANK YOU NOTE: My sincere thanks for your prayers, visits, and cards received during my stay in the hospital.

Tillie McNamee

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

GREGORY MARTIN (MARTY) COLE, the son of Romaine and Harriett Cole, 7511 Rose Ann Parkway, 04; 432-2940, made his confession of faith during Divine Worship on Sunday. Marty will be baptized later during April. He is a seventh grader at Homestead and enjoys water skiing, bike riding, basketball, and stamp collecting.

MRS. ARDITH WRISK came forward in a rededication of life to Jesus Christ. We rejoice in these public decisions among us and await others. Decisions for Christ have a life-changing quality. The unexpressed decision is often a negative decision in reality. Take a stand for Jesus and the church in life!

MARCH AVERAGES

Church Worship	327
Church School	155
Budget Giving	$1684.70
Appeal Giving	181.30

DISTRICT I C.Y.F. MEET

In addition to our cast of the drama, "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY", the following youth and adults are registered for this event next Sunday afternoon at First Christian Church in Auburn: Ron & Judy Aker, Miriam Bixenman, Doyle & April Hardy, Nancy Wortley, Doug Allen, Melanie Baugher, Chad Cline, Kim Critchfield, Debbie Nordblom, Scott Rayl, Schellie Schell, Barbara Taylor, Melanie Tracey, Lee Ann Urich, and Val Williams.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP - 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Music, Passion Drama, and Communion will celebrate the institution of the sacred meal in the upper room by Jesus and his disciples. "I Wonder Why?" will be sung by the Chancel Choir from the Balcony and "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY" will be presented by a cast of Lee Baugher, Mel Busse, Sara Davis, Rose Jenkins, Tom Knuckles, and Jim Taylor under the directing of Barbara Short. Holy Communion will be shared to climax the worship.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY

An opportunity for meaningful worship denoting Christ's crucifixion is available across Fort Wayne. Prepare for Easter by Good Friday Worship!

SOUTH *Lincolnshire Chruch of the Brethren - 12:00 to 12:30 Organ Meditation; 12:30 to 2:50 - SEVEN SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS*
Participants from First Christian include: Doyle Hardy speaking at 1:10; Wendell Guldin singing at 1:30; Harold Cline speaking at 1:50; Hugh Rice presiding and Janet Weicker singing at 2:10.
First Christian Church - 7:30 P.M. - Drama "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY" Our Choir will open the service and our adult cast will make this presentation.

WAYNEDALE *Waynedale United Methodist Church - 12:00 to 2:30*

TIMES CORNER *Anthony Wayne Church of God - 12:30 P.M.* Rev. James Tyrrell speaking.

SOUTH CENTRAL *South Wayne United Methodist Church - 12:30 to 1:30* Rev. Harry Dias and Rev. Thomas Rough speaking

NORTHWEST *Trinity United Methodist Church - 1:00 to 2:00* Rev. Frank Lansing speaking

NORTH SUBURBAN *Union Chapel at 1:00 P.M. 12628 Coldwater Road*

NORTHEAST *Forest Park United Methodist Church - 1:00 to 2:00* Dr. John Fox, Executive Director of United Presbyterian Church in the USA, speaking

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP *St. Joseph United Methodist Church - 1:30 to 2:30* Rev. William Holtz, speaking

REGIONAL SPRING YOUTH EVENT
"FOR GOD'S SAKE . . . SHARE"

This CYF event for 9th-12th graders is from 6:30 P.M. April 26 until 5:00 P.M. April 27. Sharing of self, Christ and through workshops, celebration, elections, and eating is the highlight. North Christian Church of Columbus, is hosting this event.

Registered to date are: Melanie Baugher, Chad Cline, Debbie Nordblom, Schellie Schell, Lee Urich, Val Williams, Doyle & April Hardy, and Miriam Bixenman. Others are encouraged to turn in $2.50 and be registered because it is limited to the first 250 registrants across the state.

Kent Schneider of "The Center for Contemporary Celebration" is a guest leader for this regional event.

EASTER EGG HUNT

All children ages 1 through 10 are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn (inside the building in case of bad weather) on Saturday morning, April 13 at 10:00 A.M. This event is being sponsored by the Worship Committee. Jennie Morrical and some of the Friendly Bible Class are making baskets for the children. Any other adults or youth wishing to help should either call Don Passwater or the church office.

AN INVITATION----MEMBERS AND FRIENDS of the Church are invited to an Open House honoring the 30th Wedding Anniversery of Dean and Elsie Widler to be held April 9 in the Parlor. Come anytime between 7:30 and 10:00 P.M.

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are welcome and invited to come for a continental breakfast, a brief, taped presentation, discussion and interaction, and prayer. The April dates are this Saturday the 6th and on the 20th.

SPRING RETREAT FOR MEN

"Opening Closed Doors" is the theme of an overnite retreat at Indian Lake, NE of Indianapolis, on Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27. It opens with a buffet on Friday evening until 7:00 and closes after a 5:00 P.M. supper on Saturday. Harold Cline is the guest leader for the 7½ hours of group sessions. Since he is going, transportation is available for a carload. Contact him to register. The $13 includes registration, lodging, and 4 meals plus a night snack.

INVITATION FOR ALL WOMEN

For an evening of fun, fellowship, and fund-raising, plan to attend the Rivera Group's Bestline party at the home of Renee Richardson, 4813 Devonshire Dr. on Monday, April 15 at 7:30 Call Renee at 447-1929 if you can attend. All proceeds from the party will go for outreach through C.W.F.

ALL PRESENTATION TEAM LEADERS OF EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT

Meeting this Sunday at 2:30 P.M. in Room 120.

LAST CALL FOR EASTER LILIES

Contact the church office by April 10 if you wish to provide an Easter lily for Easter Sunday Morning Worship. See previous TIDINGS for full information.

PANTRY NEEDS: Boys trousers, sizes 6, 7, & 8, Sugar, Dry Milk

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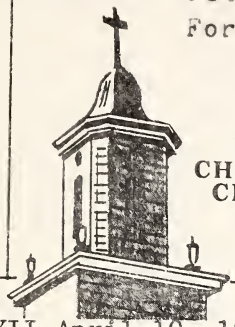

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

12:00 - 3:00 P.M. Good Friday Services at Lincolnshire

7:30 P.M. Drama, "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY"

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 15

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Coaches Meeting EMC

7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision Committee

7:30 P.M. Rivera Group's Bestline Party, Renee Richardson, 4813 Devonshire

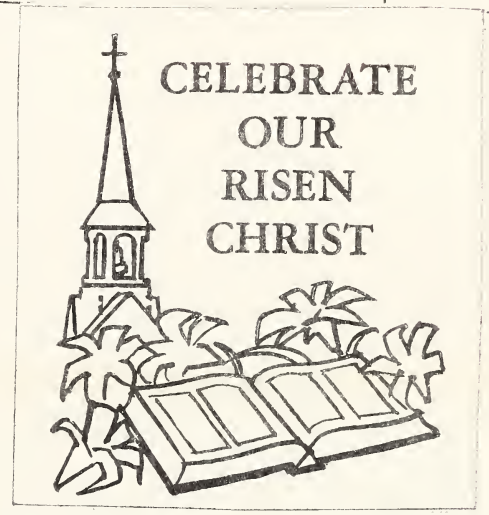
THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Goal Setting Committee, EMC, Room 120

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER
SOUPS
CANNED FRUIT



The victory of love and life demonstrated in Jesus's resurrection comes into clearer focus. Although it is the basis of worship on the first day of every week, we are more sensitized on Easter.

The resurrection makes clear that each of us stand with new possibilities regardless of our past or our present. These possibilities are matched with the power to become and to realize God's working in and through us. Praise God for the victory of Jesus Christ! Praise God for the victory received through him in us! Let's celebrate together on RESURRECTION SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING APRIL 14

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Love and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and Fred Smell

7:00 P.M. Mark Snyder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, J. Sauerwein, J. Taylor, R. Petty

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen, C. Hetrick H. Stevenson, A. Huddleston, T. Knuckles, R. Aker, D. Young, O. McDougle

Deaconesses

Carole Lee

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, C. McDougle, J. Kirsch, R. Chevalier, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Sue Ann Ludwig and Becky Richardson

10:45 A.M. Brenna Ruble and Lorinda Ruble

Coffee Hour Hostess

Elsie Widler

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran; 597 Mrs. Mae Beck
493 Mrs. Lillian Busse
590 Mrs. Ethel Huddleston

St. Joseph: 907 Jack Bennett

Parkview: 516 Mrs. Zaola Pattengale
S-110 Mrs. Jane Wambach

BIRTH: To Jeff and Susann Heaton a son, Joseph Lloyd, on April 3, 1974. (Grown at birth-11 pounds, 7 ounces and 23 inches long!)

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

ELIZABETH ANN SCHILLING, daughter of Bill and Nila Schilling, 4315 Indiana Avenue, 07, 449-1202, made her confession of faith and was baptized on Sunday. Beth is a sixth grader at Harrison Hill. She participates in school chorus, gymnastics club, intermural sports, and swimming.

STEPHANIE LYNN MOLLENHOUR, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mollenhour, 1205 W. Branning, 07, 456-4018 confessed Christ and will be baptized on Easter Sunday. Stevie is a seventh grader at Fairfield. She is active and interested in creative writing, archery, drama, animals, horseback riding, school choir, and reading.

We rejoice in these commitments of our youth as they begin a lifelong pilgrimmage within the bond of love given by God in Jesus! We look for and encourage decisions by youth and adults in this season. Please call Dr. Cline, 744-3239, if you have any questions.

THANK YOU NOTES TO THE CHURCH:

I wish to thank my friends of First Christian especially Dr. Cline for the many cards, prayers, and well-wishes extended to me during my recent hospital confinement.

Art Mowery

(NOTE: We rejoice that Art was able to start back on the job as our regular custodian on April 1.)

Dear Friends--

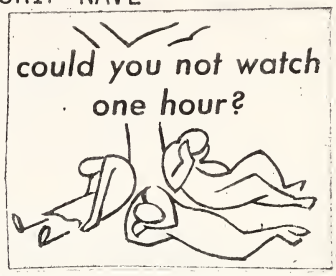
Thank you all for your cards, notes, visits, thoughts of concern and prayers during my illness and recent hospitalization.

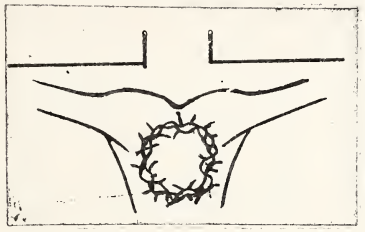
You've certainly displayed to Jeanne and I once again that real friends cannot be separated by mere miles. *Ron Gerow*

CELEBRATING THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION - 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 11 in our WORSHIP NAVE

The celebration of the institution of the Lord's Supper by Christ in the upper room with his disciples will be through music, the passion drama, "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY", and a communion experience. Child care for Pre-Schoolers provided.





GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS

-- 12:30 to 2:50 FRIDAY, APRIL 12 at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun - Seven Sayings of the Cross with participants from seven congregations.

-- 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY APRIL 12 IN OUR WORSHIP NAVE - Anthem - PASSION DRAMA "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY" - Child care for Pre-schoolers provided. Come and bring friends and neighbors for this meaningful dramatic presentation of the gospel and its meaning for life today!

EASTER SUNDAY -- APRIL 14

FIRST MORNING WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.
Sermon: *"AN EASTER CHURCH"* John 20 and II Corinthians 5:17
Music: Youth and Chancel Choirs singing; Brass ensemble; Piano and Organ duets and accompanyment for singing. Communion and Baptisms

CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
Age level or Elective Classes for all throughout building.

SECOND MORNING WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.
Sermon: *"AN EASTER CHURCH"* John 20 and II Corinthians 5:17
Music: Youth and Chancel Choirs singing; Brass ensemble; Piano and Organ duets and accompanyment for singing. Communion and Baptisms

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M.
Spontaneous Afterglow Service in Parlor reflecting upon the Lenten and Easter Season and its impluses for the future.

EASTER CELEBRATION GIVING

Goal of $1,000 for special Easter offering received in Church School and in special envelopes for Outreach Ministries. This is over-and-above for outreach.

Goal of $3,000 for regular budget giving in envelopes or loose in Worship.

Goal of $1,000 for Centennial and Indiana Appeal when marked on envelopes.

Tornado relief designated gifts may be given for additional help for Tornado relief through Week of Compassion.

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN

All children from 1 through 10 are invited at 10:00 this Saturday the 13th for an Easter Egg Hunt. It will be on the lawn unless bad weather would force inside. Come for this "fun" event sponsored by the Worship Committee.

CHILD CARE AT CHURCH

Maundy Thursday-Pre School Care
Good Friday evening-Pre School
Easter-8:15 A.M. Pre School Care
Church School-Groups for all ages from youngest infant up
Easter 10:45 A.M. 0-4 Care for full hour.
Kindergarten and 1st Graders with parents through Sermonette and then in Extended Session with Mrs. Bixenman.
Grades 2-6-Remain with parents through Worship rather than leaving after Sermonette for Children's Choir
Easter Celebration Worship - Child Care

POST EASTER GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

An Easter Sunday insert will be a registration form for any of three opportunities -- two special Study series and one or more continuing contract-support groups.

1. BIBLE STUDY GROUP - Eight Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M., April 18 through June 6.

This is a structured program using a Creative Resource cassette tape and response book entitled, "THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD: STUDIES IN I CORINTHIANS" by Addison Leitch. The purpose is to lead each person into the background, structure, purpose, and actual interpretation of I Corinthians.

2. BORN TO WIN GROUP - Ten Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. April 18 through June 20.

The "why" and "how" of human behavior and man's search for meaning are viewed for lay persons in the approaches of Eric Berne in transactional analysis and Frederick Perls in gestalt therapy. The book, BORN TO WIN, by Muriel James and Dorothy Jongeward is the text. Many consider this an easier text than "I'M O.K., YOU'RE O.K." to look at self and relationships.

3. CONTRACT-SUPPORT GROUPS - Several have asked for continuing support groups for sharing, prayer, support, and fellowship. We are seeking to invite any persons why might begin a continuing relationship in a group of eight on a mutually agreed basis after an initial encounter period of building relationships. A group or groups will be formed and set according to schedule after persons sign-up.

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TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast Group
8:00 A.M. CYF and Chi Rho meet to leave for work project

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Pitch-in Meal
1:30 P.M. Committees, Junior Disciples
2:30 P.M. Church Board
Sing Time
Games
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 A.M. May Breakfast Committee
12:00 Noon D.M.A. Covered Dish Meal and meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

1:30 P.M. Bible Study
5:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

PANTRY NEEDS:

VEGETABLES
SOUPS
POWDERED MILK

YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

The youth of our congregation will be leading our Divine Worship at 10:45 this coming Sunday the 21st. Bringing the Message in Word is *Val Williams*, who is a junior at Wayne and who is secretary of our Regional CYF Commission. *Doyle Hardy* has been working with our high school youth in preparations for this service.

Doyle Hardy will be preaching on the theme, "TAKE FIVE!" based on Mark 2:23-3:6 during Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. for those desiring the normal preaching worship. *Miriam Bixenman* will be leading Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

Other participants in the 10:45 hour led by the youth are: *Debbie Nordblom*-Call to Worship & Offering Prayer; *Lee Urich*-Sharing and Roll Call; *Barb Taylor*-Children's Sermonette; *Doug Olson*-Scripture Reading; *Schellie Schell*-Parting Word; *Jeff Frappier* and *Scott Rayl*--Prayer of Thanksgiving at Table. Serving as ushers and deacons are: *Bill Urich, Chad Cline, Jeff Heiney, Jim Shirley Ken Taylor, Mike Gardner, Fred Richardson, Jr.* and *Chris Passwater.* The Youth Choir is singing, "Make a Joyful Noise".

SERVING APRIL 21

Elders

8:15 A.M. Floyd Morrical and David Griggs

10:45 A.M. Youth serving (listed elsewhere)

7:00 P.M. Ben Taylor

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, D. Allen, G. Ludwig, R. Wortley

10:45 A.M. Youth serving (listed elsewhere)

Deaconesses

Carole Lee

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. Youth serving (listed elsewhere)

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Beth Schilling and Bill Schilling

10:45 A.M. Dawn Schrock and Diana Wortley

Homebound Communion

Charles Ludwig and Ron Aker
George Davis and Robert Ogles
William Franklin and Robert Petty

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 493 Mrs. Lillian Busse
584 Mrs. Ethel Huddleston
761 Mr. Ed Bressler
873 Mrs. Laura Morris

St. Joseph: 233 Mrs. Debra Weirick
907 Mr. Jack Bennett
923 Mrs. Arlynn Call

Mr. Charles Wrisk was to enter on 4/16 for surgery on 4/17

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mr. Raymond Russell and family in the death of his father, John Russell in Kendallville.

COMMITTEES AND BOARD THIS SUNDAY!

RESPONSES TO INVITATION ON EASTER

BRUCE DAVID GRIMM, the son of Merle and Betty Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Terrace, 07, 456-7807, made his confession of faith and was baptized during the first service on Sunday. Bruce is a fifth grader at Harrison Hill and is interested in swimming, baseball, football, baseball cards, and photography.

MRS. THOMAS (PAT) FOUNTAIN and her daughter, *ANITA DENISE*, of 4120 S. Indiana, 07, 745-9143 made decisions. Pat came from the Bible Baptist Church. Andy made her confession and was baptized. Thomas, the husband and father, is a member here. Pat is a legal secretary for McClain and Perry and has been singing in our choir for over two years. Andy is a seventh grader at Fairfield and has interests in art, horseback riding, baseball, creative writing, school choir, dramatics club, animals and archery.

Rocky Baugher came forward to express recommitment because of a sense of God's control in his life and Dorothy Morris came in an act of celebration before God.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

$669.58 has been received to date in our special Easter offering for World Outreach causes. This will be help open for one more Sunday before remittance is made.

$97 was also received as a special offering for tornado relief through our Week of Compassion. This will also be received if clearly marked for this cause through next Sunday.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Richard Dennis Stevian and Mary Jean David on April 13, 1974. They are residing at 5307 N. Clinton, 25, 482-2715.

FOR GOD'S SAKE--SHARE: APRIL 26,27

The following of our congregation are signed up and paid for this Regional Youth event in Columbus, Indiana: *Doug Allen, Chad Cline, Debbie Nordblom, Schellie Schell, Barb Taylor, Lee Urich, Val Williams, Ron Aker, Miriam Bixenman, Doyle and April Hardy, and Nancy Wortley.*

LAST CALL TO MEN FOR RETREAT

Men are urged to participate in the Retreat to be led by Dr. Cline at Indian Lake, April 26 and 27. See him and do this by Sunday evening.

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

In charge of the breakfast are *Harold Crowder* and *Mac Olson* this week. A tape gives rise to discussion, interaction and prayer for men from 7:30 to 9:00 this Saturday. All men are welcome!

ADDITIONAL EASTER LILIES

In addition to the gifts noted in the Easter bulletin, there were two lilies in memory of Ray and Maude Woodhull given by Fay Woodhull.

WOMEN FOR LUNCHEON

The May Fellowship Luncheon sponsored by Church Women United, will be at the Waynedale United Methodist Church at 12:00 on Friday, May 3. Tickets are $2. Speaker is Mrs. E. Ross Adair. Contact Judy Church for a reservation or a ticket by the deadline, noon, Monday, April 22.

CYF - CHI RHO DIASTER HELPERS

This Saturday, April 20, our CYF and Chi Rho Youth Groups are going to the Rome City, Kendallville, Stroh area to help clean up afrer the recent tornado. Any interested adults are invited to go with the youth. Ron Aker is heading this project. Meet at the church at 8:00 A.M. Saturday and bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be furnished. Let's follow the lead of our youth and aid our brothers who suffered from this recent disaster.

COOKIES FOR OUT OF TOWN COLLEGE YOUTH AND SERVICE MEN

The CWF is sponsoring sending cookies. If you wish to bake cookies, mark cookies and place on kitchen counter before April 22. This also applies to CWF members who have volunteered donations. Also needed: Coffee cans or 2 lb. shortning cans (place in kitchen) before April 22.

MOVE BY RAY FREDERICKS FAMILY

Ray, Sharon, and Diane Fredericks moved on Tuesday to 17639 Woodthrush Lane, South Bend, Indiana, 46635. Ray is now Office Administrator for northern Indiana for NCR. We wish them well in their new community.

THANK YOU NOTES:

"A sincere thank you to everyone that made "CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE CITY" possible. Many hours and hard work went into this drama."

The Worship Committee

"We want to thank everyone who came to share in the Open House for our 30th Wedding Anniversery."

Dean and Elsie Widler

D.M.A. GROUP FORMED

On April 2nd, the name of D.M.A. was given for a continuing group within the life of the church. "D.M.A." stands for "Don't Mention Age." This group is for retired persons, widows or widowers, or any free to share the time and activity from age 50 to 100.

The fourth Tuesday of each month was set as a regular time for the group. Thus, they will share a covered-dish meal next Tuesday the 23rd at 12:00 noon The Steering Committee for these opening months includes Mary Cook Irene Cline, Hugh & Gwynth Rice, and Dorothy Ikenberry as the chairperson.

Mark your calendar for the fourth Tuesday! Come next Tuesday the 23rd at 12:00! Bring any table games you like to play for the group to enjoy. Bring others with you!

GROUPS BEGINNING

As announced in TIDINGS last week and through registration forms inserted in the Easter bulletins three opportunities are opening up.

1. BIBLE STUDY GROUP - 1:30 P.M. Thursdays, beginning the 18th.
2. BORN TO WIN GROUP - 7:30 P.M. Thursdays, beginning the 18th.
3. CONTRACT-SUPPORT GROUP or GROUPS Sign up and you will be contacted.

PASTOR TO PLANNING CONFERENCE

Dr. Cline will leave Sunday afternoon for a two-day Evangelism Strategy Conference in Indianapolis in which 50 participants will do planning for Evangelism for Disciples for '75-'79.

DINNER, COMMITTEES, BOARD--SUNDAY

All are invited to share a pitch-in Fellowship Dinner at 12:15 P.M. this Sunday. Bring covered dishes and table service. A committee will help in set-up and coordinating the meal.

At 1:15 P.M., all of our Functional Committees will meet in various rooms as has been announced for several weeks. Junior Disciples will meet simultaneously with these committees. Any member or friend is invited to sit in on a committee if not a regular member.

At 2:30 P.M. the Church Board will meet in East Fellowship Hall. Sara Davis will be leading a song learning and singing time in the Parlor. Games will be shared in the west Fellowship Hall.

The Board will be acting on some important matters coming from the Sounding Committee, will receive a motion fro extension of tenure from the Constitution Revision Committee, and will receive the current progress on the revision of the constitution and by-laws. This is a very important meeting and deserves the time and participation of every board member.

E.M.C. CALENDAR

4/24 - 7:30 P.M. - Joint meeting of Goal Setting unit, Cabinet, and all Coaches of EMC.

4/28 - 2:30 P.M. - EMC Coaches Preparation Meeting for Training and Informational Session

5/5 - 12:15 P.M. - Congregational Dinner, annual meeting, and Informational Session

5/6 - 7:00 P.M. - Training Seminar #1 for all callers

5/7 - 7:00 P.M. - Training Seminary #1 for all callers.

(Watch further issues of TIDINGS for additional dates and details)

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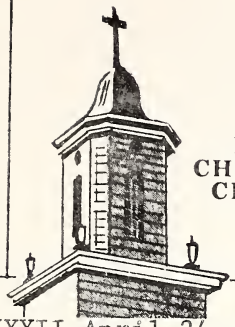

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:30 P.M. EMC Coaches
5:30 P.M. Sermon Dialogue
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 29
10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
7:00 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
9:00 A.M. Spice Group
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group

THURSDAY, MAY 2
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

SATURDAY, MAY 4
3:30 P.M. Cole-Taylor Wedding and Reception

PANTRY NEEDS
VEGETABLES
SOUPS
BABY FOOD
JUICES

SERMONS AND DIALOGUES

A special series of sermons under the theme, "CALLED IN CHRIST" by Dr. Cline begins this next Sunday morning. A dialogue time for reaction and comment will be held on the four Sunday evenings from 5:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. simultaneously with Youth Fellowship. These sermons are designed to look at present issues, problems, and directions of the church. Dr. Cline will be sharing some basic philosophy to which there is a desired interaction among our people.

April 28 - "CALLED TO ONENESS IN CHRIST" - I Corinthians 12:1-13; Ephesians 4:11-16

May 5 - "CALLED TO COMMITMENT OF LIFE" - II Corinthians 8:1-9; II Corinthians 9:6-15

May 12 - "CALLED TO GROW IN THE SPIRIT" - John 14:12-17; 16:7-15

May 19 - "CALLED TO BE AND TO BECOME" - Romans 8:9-17; Ephesians 3:14-21

The dialogue sessions will be designed after a pattern developed by Ruel Howe who opens up what is heard and the reactions and implications

(Continued on page four)

SERVING APRIL 28

Elders

8:15 A.M. John Merrill and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and Bert Leversee

7:00 P.M. Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, S. Cole, W. Bowen, T. Ogles

10:45 A.M. R. Aker, T. Frappier, R. Urich, J. Taylor, R. Ogles, D. Pomeroy, E. Allen, V. Moore

Deaconesses

Carole Lee

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, J. Weicker

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, C. McDougle, R. Chevalier, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Bruce Grimm and Tim Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. Terry Gardner and Denise Schrock

Coffee Hour Hostess

Dorothy Ikenberry

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 468 Mrs. Mae Beck
884 Mrs. Laura Morris

St. Joseph 904 Mr. Jack Bennett
923 Mrs. Arlynn Call

Parkview 449 Mrs. Helen Sherrin
Mrs. Hazel Firestone entering 4/24 for eye surgery on 4/25

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Romaine Cole extend an invitation to any in the congregation to share in the wedding and reception of their son, Mike, and Sue Taylor at 3:30 P.M., Saturday, May 4, at First Christian Church.

LIVING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH MEMORIAL GIVING

IN MEMORY OF JAY McCAREL by *Ethel Birkhold, Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Brosius, Ethel Richhart*

IN MEMORY OF LAURA GILDEA by *Mrs. Leon Johns*

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE SPEICHER by *Delores Keebortz, Charles Speicher, Music Arts Club*

IN MEMORY OF ZOA JORDAN by *Dewey & Irene Duncan*

IN MEMORY OF ETHEL KOONTZ by *Ethel Birkhold, Progressive Class, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp*

CALL FOR EQUIPMENT

Crutches, canes, wheel chairs, and walkers for use in the building or for loan are desired for donation both to enable some to attend services and to assist others in homes.

Christian Action & Community Service Committee

THANK YOUS

Mrs. Mae Beck expresses deep appreciation for cards and flowers which she has recently received.

A special "thank you" to everyone that helped to make the Easter Egg Hunt possible for the children. Praise God for its success through your help.

The Worship Committee

NEWS FLASH. . . . . .

The Church Board on Sunday accepted with regrets the resignations of Doyle Hardy and Don and Vee Parlette. Details next week.

HELP LOCATE THESE MEMBERS

The following are the members still maintained on our church membership roll for whom we have no present mailing address. Will you help us by furnishing a correct address or by furnishing a lead on how the church office might secure such an address? Your help is needed.

Rebecca (Welker) Andrews

Mr. & Mrs. James Baker
Mrs. Beatrice Baugher
Marcia Baugher
Richard & Doris Bireley
Mrs. Ruth Bolton
William Bolton

Robert Cale
Ronald & Beverly Chapman
Robert Alan Corkwell

Ronald & Mary Dailey
Harold & Sally Donelson

Douglas Eifrid
Rose L. Eugene

Linda (Murrey) Feichter
Beverly Flood

Wm. Gilley
Paul & Betty Goetz
Rosemary (Murphy) Greenwald
Gloria Grove

Steven Hand

Martha Jane Knorr

Doris (Sweeney) Lemming
Nathan Love

Lucile Overby

Donald Rosenogle

Edward Sechler
Frederick Sheets
Dennis Smith
Glen Smith
J. Carlton & Glenna Smith
Robert Smith
Shirley Smith
Mrs. George Sowers
Mrs. Margaretta Steckbeck
Mrs. Ruth Steele
Donald Lee Straw
Joan Straw

Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Treager
Mrs. Ellen (Murrey) Tribolet
Robert & Mable Truelove

Armand & Frances Van Gordon
William & Erma Vunora

David & Dorothea Williams
Mrs. Harry (Nita) Wilson
Mrs. Irene (Shuff) Wolf

Carole (Beedle) Young

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

Sunday, May 5 marks the combination of two events and one dinner. The meal will begin at 12:15 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall for all members and friends of the church. New members will be special guests. There will be a major congregational vote concerning church leadership and program for the next six months. The work of the Every Member Commitment program will be focused in a special informational session to close this important day. Thus, our annual meeting in May is linked together in one effort to accentuate this Sunday fellowship meal.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Information has been mailed for summer camps and conferences. This is a vital part of our Christian Education for children and youth of grades 5 through college youth.

STAFF SERVING FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN

Camp 5-6 at Barbee, July 15-20
Miriam Bixenman, Director
Peggy Buskirk, Counselor
Barbara Taylor, Counselor

Camp 9-10, at Barbee, August 12-17
Harold Cline, Director
Nancy Wortley, Counselor

Camp 11-12, at Barbee August 5-10
Doyle Hardy, Counselor
Connie Wells, Counselor

YOUTH REGISTERED FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN:

Camp 5-6 at Barbee, July 7-13
Lorinda Ruble

Camp 7-8 at Barbee, July 22-27
Carol Cline

Camp 11-12 at Barbee, Aug. 4-11
Debbie Nordblom

Camp 9-10 at Barbee, Aug. 12-17
Chad Cline

SERMONS AND DIALOGUES (from page 1) for the hearers. All are encouraged to hear the sermons. Make notes and write comments. Share in the Dialogue Sessions each Sunday evening.

EMC CALENDAR

4/28 - 2:30 P.M. - All EMC Coaches preparation meeting for Training and Information Dinner

5/5 - 12:15 P.M. - Congregational Dinner, Annual Business Meeting, EMC Informational Session

5/6 - 7:00 P.M. Training Seminar #1 for all callers

5/7 - 7:00 P.M. Training Seminar #1 for all callers

5/12 - 2:30 P.M. Training Seminar #2 for all callers

5/13 - 7:00 P.M. Training Seminar #2 for all callers

5/19 - Presentation Sunday in Worship Hours
12:15 P.M. Luncheon for all Presentation Teams

6/2 - DEDICATION SUNDAY

ADDITIONAL YOUTH TO COLUMBUS

Melanie Baugher is also resigtered and attending the Regional Youth Meet at Columbus this Friday and Saturday making a total of 13 from First Christian. 28 youth and adults helped to clear wreckage last Saturday on a large farm hit by the recent tornado.

ADDITIONAL CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

International Affairs Seminar - New York & Washington June 8-15
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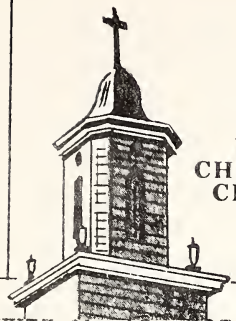

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1974

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Catered Meal
1:15 P.M. Annual Meeting
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. Sermon Dialogue
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1974

7:00 P.M. Training Seminar #1
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Andrea Benny, 7710 Newlin

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1974

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Betty Olson, 4725 South Wayne
7:00 P.M. Training Seminar #1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1974

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1974

9:00 A.M. District I CWF Institute in Auburn
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

PANTRY NEEDS:
POWDERED MILK
PEANUT BUTTER
SOUP PRODUCTS
CANNED MEAT

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 5
Catered Meal - 12:15 P.M.
Meeting for Youth and Adults and Program and Care for Young - 1:15

-- *Informal Singing Fellowship*
-- *New Members as Guests*
-- *Important Business Motion for congregation (see motion in Board Report on Page 6)*
-- *Congregational Information Session of E.M.C.*
-- *Report of Revision Committee*

CATERED MEAL: We are freeing our women from bringing table service or preparing food. We are having a Snack Smorgasbord plus drinks and dessert furnished. This is being served on a donation basis. Because of making the food order, please call the church office by 5:00 P.M. on Friday to make a reservation.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

SERVING MAY 5

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and Don Passwater

10:45 A.M. William Franklin and William Love

7:00 P.M. Charles Ludwig

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, F. Richardson, G. Ludwig, J. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, R. Petty, T. Ogles, R. Cole, T. Knuckles, A. Huddleston, H. Stevenson, D. Short

Deaconesses

Betty Olson and Mary Sue Ludwig

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline, M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, M. Byers, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth, M. Gardner

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Cory Church and Dan Church

10:45 A.M. Greg Heiney, Clint Crowe

Homebound Communion

Fred Smell and Rex Clifton
Bert Leversee and Walter Bowen
Hugh Rice and John Hechler

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 884 Mrs. Laura Morris
665 Mrs. Mae Beck

St. Joseph: 508 Mrs. Mary Ann Heiney
923 Mrs. Arlynn Call
357 Mrs. Irene Powell

Parkview 449 Mrs. Helen Sherrin
313 Mrs. Hazel Firestone

SERMONS AND DIALOGUES

Stemming from an interaction of the Sounding Committee and the senior Pastor, the present series of sermons, "CALLED IN CHRIST" are designed for interaction and discussion among our particular community of faith. Hear the sermon in the morning and feel free to take notes. Come from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. on Sunday evening for a dialogue session on the sermon. One of the Church School classes dealt extensively with the sermon last Sunday also. Talk is afloat--Be a participant in it!

APRIL AVERAGES

Church Worship	437
Church School	185
Budget Giving	$1835.39
Appeal Giving	190.38

NEW MEMBERS DURING MARCH & APRIL

Confession and Baptism:

Phyllis Pusey
John Morris
Martin Cole
Elizabeth Ann Schilling
Stephanie Mollenhour
Bruce Grimm
Anita Denise Fountain

Transfer of Membership:

Pat Fountain

NEW BABY!

A son, Matthew Walter, born to John and Mildred Arruza, April 30, 1974.

YOUTH ELECTED TO OFFICE: Val Williams was elected as the new vice-president of the Indiana Regional CYF Commission.

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

An opportunity for persons to make a scholarship gift to the program of Weekday Christian Education is available just now. The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County has this daily program for 7,620 children in grades 3, 4, and 5.

Since many of these children do not attend church, persons are encouraged to make it possible for one or more children through an $8 scholarship gift per child. These are being run through our Transitory account so checks should be made out to our church, but the full amount of your gift will be transmitted.

Help provide operating funds for the 20 trained and devoted teachers and the 9 mobile classrooms which are used. Use the special envelopes available at the church or clearly mark your intention.

TORNADO CLEAN-UP PERSONS

The following youth and adults spent Saturday, April 20th, on a farm near Rome City to clean up debris so that farm work would become possible. Our group included: Ben, Val, Ken Taylor; Bob, Natalie, Lee Urich; Don, Judie, Lori, Chris, Dave, Rachel Passwater; Deanna, Lorinda, Brenna Ruble; Nancy, Diana Wortley; Dawn, Denise Schrock; Schellie Schell, Val Williams, Terry Gardner, Jayne Jenkins, Melanie Baugher, Susanne Schweitzel, Doyle Hardy, Ron, Judy Aker.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Karen Flickinger and Nancy Wortley have announced the staff and dates for our Summer Vacation Church School. Sessions will be held in the mornings of July 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, & 18.

Staff includes: Fifth & Sixth Grades: Bea Rice, Sue Knuckles, Lee Urich; Third & Fourth Grades: Doyle Hardy, Rose Jenkins, Mary Chasar, Jayne Jenkins; First and Second Grade: Natalie Urich, Lee Baugher, Darlene Davis; Kindergarten: Sandy Zimmerman, Rosemary Krull, Schellie Schell; Three & Four Year Olds: Dorothy Morris, JoAnn Ott, Melanie Baugher, Denise Schrock; Baby Nursery: Terry Gardner, Dawn Schrock: Snack Time Helpers: Mary Lou Hartzler, Ruth Plummer, Irene Cline, Barb Finkhousen, Diana Wortley.

DISTRICT ONE CWF INSTITUTE

Contrary to some announcements: THERE WILL BE A DRISTRICT INSTITUTE on May 9th from 9:00 to 2:30 P.M. at First Christian Church in Auburn. Women are to take a sack lunch for noon. All leaders and officers of CWF and the groups are urged to attend. Contact Judy Church for further information and plans.

THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Our semi-annual service of presentation and dedication for young children and parents will be on Sunday, May 12. If any desire to participate in this special act of dedication, contact Dr. Cline or the church office by Thursday, May 9th.

EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT PLAN

INTRODUCTORY:

Since March 1, persons among our congregation have been planning and working towards a total congregational participation in responding with positive commitment of time, talent, and treasure to Jesus Christ. Some serious and forward-looking efforts have been developed by our functional committees to help us move into the future. Now the efforts turn toward the whole congregation to inform, have discussions in every home, and to climax our expression with a grand and glorious Commitment-Day on Pentecost Sunday, June 2, 1974. There will be follow up then which will continue until June 16th when we expect everything to be finalized.

COACHING STAFF:

Co-Coordinating Coaches:
George Bruckman & William Love
Information Coach:
Rex Clifton
Co-Materials Coaches:
Robert & Beverly Hendricks
Resourcing Coach:
Merle Rice
Pastor Coach:
Harold E. Cline
Goal-Setting Coach:
Ron Flickinger assisted by the Church Cabinet
Evaluation Coach:
Merle Grimm assisted by the Finance Committee
Presentation Coach:
Fred Richardson
Assistant Presentation Coaches:
Colyn Crowder, Mike Terry

PRESENTATION TEAM LEADERS: The following persons are Presentation Team Leaders and have enlisted many Presentation Team members: *Ron Aker, Romaine Cole, Bill Franklin, Tom Frappier, Bob Johnson, Tom Knuckles, Marge Lehman, Bud Ludwig, Delores Overmyer, Don Passwater, Rufus Quinn, Fred Smell, Mark Snyder, Dean Widler, Val Williams, and Russ Wortley.*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 5
8:15 & 10:45 Advocates Share in Worship
12:15 Congregational Informational Dinner and Session
2:30 Coaches Meet following

MONDAY, MAY 6
7:00 Training Seminar #1

TUESDAY, MAY 7
7:00 Training Seminar #1

SUNDAY, MAY 12
2:30 Training Seminar #2

MONDAY, MAY 13
7:00 Training Seminar #2

SUNDAY, MAY 19
PRESENTATION SUNDAY - All callers commissioned

SUNDAY, MAY 19 until JUNE 2
Visitors come to every home for sharing of life and program of the church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
Commitments are received in all three worship hours

JUNE 2 to JUNE 16
Follow-up contacts for commitments on all not received on June 2.

SUNDAY JUNE 16
Church Board meets and acts on the response of the congregation.

PRESENTATION TEAM MEMBERS

The following persons along with the team leaders and coaches will be carefully training as they participate once each week in Training Seminars 1 and 2: *Earl & Mary Snouffer, Bill & Margaret Love, Harold & Colyn Crowder, Glenn & Lola Miller, John Weicker, Joe & Linda Wiley, Robert & Ruth Ogles, Ennis & Virginia Brown, Ralph Richards, Don Parlette, Hugh Rice, Gary Falbe, Andy Benney, Marlene Crouse, Mac & Tillie McNamee, Mildred Hartman, Harold & Edna Nordblom, Mary Cook, Gladys Hoop, Eileen Klepfer, Stan Cole, Larry & Cheri Barnes, Andy Cook, Dave Griggs, Vincent & Connie Wells, Merle & Betty Grimm, Earl & Ruth Plummer, Floyd & Jennie Morrical, Ben Taylor, George & Virginia Bruckman, William & Hazel Crouse, Marguerite Quinn, Herdis & Audrey Helmuth, Delmas Young, Homer & Hortense Stevenson, Robert & Marilyn Rayl, Arza Smith, Edna Vaught, Jeff & Mildred Young, Leon & Ruby Johns, Kathlyn Banet, Lois Finkhousen, Art Huddleston, Ed Allen, Bert & Margaret Leversee, Andy Crowe, Ken & Elinor Place, Pauline Snyder, Rocky & Lee Baugher, Ralph & Judy Church, Mary Lou Hartzler, Jim Stucky, Walter Bowen, Elsie Widler, Helen Williams, Peg Buskirk, Schellie Schell, Ben Taylor, Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Bob & Natalie Urich, Jack Weicker, Barbara Schrock, Mel Busse, and Tom Weirick.*

These were the persons enlisted for training and calling at the time of writing according to office records. Contact the office if there are any changes.

CAMP & CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

In addition to the five youth listed last week, the following registrations are in:

Camp 5-6 at Barbee, June 30-July 6
Steve Grimm, Mark Rayl

Camp 7-8, at Barbee, July 21-27
Brenna Ruble

Camp 11-12 at Barbee, August 4-11
Val Williams

Camp 9-10 at Barbee, August 11-17
Melanie Baugher

DISTRICT I CYF CLEANUP AT BARBEE
MAY 3-4

Youth participating in this event are: Melanie Baugher, Chad Cline, Kim Critchfield, Debbie Nordblom, Schellie Schell, Barb & Ken Taylor, Bill & Lee Urich, Val Williams. Adults and children also going are: Ron, Judy, Scott & Laura Aker, Nancy Wortley, Miriam Bixenman, Val Taylor, Peggy Buskirk, Barbara, Dawn, Denise, and Diana Schrock.

FOR SALE!

10 CWF RIVERA GROUP MEMBERSHIPS
Requirements: Attend monthly morning meetings. Love God.

Price per membership:
20 units of work
20 units of study
20 units of worship
40 units of love
100 units of service to God

Service to members: Baby-sitting for pre-schoolers during meetings

CALL 446-7321 (Sara Davis) BY MAY 7 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

WE NEED YOUR BUSINESS!

COMING EVENTS!!!!!

CYF CAR WASH - ON OUR PARKING LOT MAY 11 - DAY BEFORE MOTHER'S DAY

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE - SATURDAY, MAY 18 - Bring papers after May 5

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CHURCH BOARD ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1974

STAFF RESIGNATIONS AND ISSUES were among the central things of the meeting. Resignations were accepted with regret from Mr. and Mrs. Don Parlette and from Doyle F. Hardy. (These are printed on the following two pages.) It was announced that Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will be off for five weeks from foot and eye surguries during May. Mrs. Edna Vaught will retire as Membership Secretary as of June 30th. The Sounding Committee is at work on these personnel issues and would welcome written suggestions, recommendations, or applications for any of the vacancies or combinations of them. These should be addressed either to Jack Weicker, chairman, or Dr. Cline, Senior Pastor.

The Constitutional Revision Committee recommended the following motion which passed the Church Board and which will be presented to the congregation for action on Sunday, May 5th at the meeting at 1:15 P.M. "We recommend and move that the present Church officers, all functional chairpersons and all other people involved in the organizational life of our Church be extended from June 30, 1974 to December 31, 1974, and at such time it is anticipated and expected that our new Church Constitution and By-laws will be in effect."

The rationale for this motion which holds our organizational life at a standstill rather than having an election and changing all structures now include: the incompletion of the revision work at this time; the target of fall approval by the baord and congregation of the new; the congruence with the coming recommended pattern of longer terms for functional life; and the continued interaction with the present church board of the evolving documentation of our revision process. A copy of the work of the committee is posted on the bulletin board opposite the church office. The proposed new constitution will be made available at the congregational meeting for information and reaction.

A motion from the Stewardship-Finance Committee was approved to interpret and promote special giving for Weekday Christian Education scholarships. Folders were given out in worship last Sunday and are available and encouraged especially this week. The Scholarship Committee reported favorable action and the sending of a check from the Church Vocation Scholarship Fund to Ed Allen, Jr., at Brite Seminary, Texas Christian University.

A motion from the Christian Action and Community Service Committee was approved for the purchase of a wheel chair. This is available for persons to use to be pushed up the ramp into worship.

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6012 Guild Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46816
April 21, 1974

Official Board
First Christian Church
4800 South Calhoun
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Official Board:

It is after much thought that I submit to you my letter of resignation, to become effective between July 15, 1974, and August 15, 1974, at a time mutually agreed upon by myself and the Sounding Board of this congregation. I want you to understand that I do not want to leave because of pressures or problems with this congregation. I have felt a great deal of warmth and support from this congregation not only for my work here, but also for my seminary work. Therefore, it has not been an easy decision for me to make, but because of personal frustration I feel I must make a change.

The distance between Fort Wayne and Indianapolis is the major problem. I have not really been able to adjust to being separated from my wife for four days out of every week, and my life seems to be segmented. This lack of integration has caused a frustration that affects not only my work at the seminary, but also my work with the church here on weekends. Therefore, I feel it would be better for all concerned if I look for a position nearer the seminary.

I want to thank you for sharing yourselves with me during this past year.

Sincerely,

Doyle F. Hardy

CHURCH BOARD ACTIONS, APRIL 21, 1974 (from page six)

George Bruckman and Bill Love, Co-Coordinating Coaches of our Every Member Commitment made a strong thrust towards responsible stewardship among the board members. Future Sunday meetings were set for May 19 and June 16. Forty three members were present.

April 7, 1974

Dr. Harold Cline, Pastor
First Christian Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Dr. Cline:

I am sure that you will understand that our decision to resign as choir director and organist is in no sense a superficial consideration.

Following a long service in the capacity--nearly 25 years here and in other churches, we sincerely feel that both positions can be served better by younger and more active musicians, who can dedicate the necessary time and talent to the important tasks connected with the musical ministry at First Christian Church.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunities provided during the past seven years to serve with a most cooperative and dedicated core of singers whose musical offerings have been appropriate and rewarding.

Our sincere thanks to you, to the choirs, to the worship committees and the church board for the opportunity of serving. Your helpful attitude and undergirding of our work has been inspiring and above reproach.

Our fervant hope and prayer is that the traditions of good and worshipful music long established in this church may continue and expand under the new leadership. God bless all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Parlette

4006 Tacoma Avenue
Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46807

(NOTE: They have suggested a terminal date of June 1, 1974.)

COME THIS SUNDAY -- Share in regular worship of Church and then stay for a catered meal. If you have not done so, call a reservation to the church office by 5:00 P.M. on Friday the 3rd. The annual congregational meeting begins at 1:15 P.M. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph E. Church
5126 Werling Dr.
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 11
9:00 A.M. CYF Car Wash

SUNDAY, MAY 12
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:30 P.M. Training Seminar #2 EMC
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. Sermon Dialogue
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 13
7:00 P.M. Training Seminar #2
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Dorothy Merriman, 4323 Marquette

TUESDAY, MAY 14
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Mary Higgins, 5010 Woodhurst

THURSDAY, MAY 16
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

FRIDAY, MAY 17
6:30 P.M. Family Work Camp, Barbee

PANTRY NEEDS:
MAIN DISH DINNERS

CEREALS

CANNED MEATS

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

Our church celebrates the home and the Christian family as we come to this national observance. Admittedly for some the recollection of home brings warm religious sentiments, but for others there is a hurt or void because of the home. In whichever condition we are, may we celebrate the valid and Christian of our home backgrounds.

Worship of God on the Lord's Day helps to orientate life to a meaningful center which will honor parents. Our worship this Sunday will include a focus on the home through our Thanksgiving and Dedication Service with young children and their parents. The sermon continues the series, "CALLED IN CHRIST" and will make reference to the home although our central focus is on our church family. The title is "CALLED TO GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT" based on John 14:12-17; 16:7-15.

The Children's Sermonette by Mrs. Bixenman is on the Mother's Day theme, "Mother, Do You Love Me?" Exodus 20:12a.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS WORKING IN THE INTIMATE CIRCLE OF FAMILY LOVE!

SERVING MAY 12

Elders

8:15 A.M. Bert Leversee and Earl Plummer

10:45 A.M. Floyd Morrical and Don Passwater

7:00 P.M. Merle Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, W. Bowen, S. Cole, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. H. Helmuth, R. Clifton, D. Weaver, J. Hechler, O. McDougle, B. Lehman, D. Allen

Deaconesses

Betty Olson and Mary Sue Ludwig

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline, M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, M. Byers, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth, M. Gardner

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Pat Olson and Steve Grimm

10:45 A.M. Lorinda Ruble and Brenna Ruble

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 709 Mr. Mike Byers
S-117 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

St. Joseph: 923 Mrs. Arlynn Call
357 Mrs. Irene Powell

Lutheran: 884 Mrs. Laura Morris

Cameron in Angola Mrs. Miriam Bixenman had foot surgery on Monday and was to be released on Wednesday.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Michael Romaine Cole and Sue Ellen Taylor on May 4, 1974. They are residing at 7501 Ideal Avenue, Apt. #2, 09.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL E. HAYES, 1535 Glendale, 04, 432-3015, identified with us in transfer of membership on Sunday from the Third Street United Brethren Church. Barbara also received baptism by immersion. They have one child, Amy, who was born in May, 1971. Sam hails from First Christian Church in Peru orginally and is now employed at B & M Equipment Co. but will join Winans and Associates Insurance Company on May 15. Barb works part-time as a secretary at International Junior College. He has special interest in antiques and sports, while Barb has special interest in needlepoint and ceramics.

NEW ADDRESSES REPORTED:

Mr. and Mrs. John Merrill, 1900 River Road, D-1, Marysville, Michigan, 48049. He has a one year assignment of work there.

Paul and Carol Dunham, R.R. #4, Lebanon, IN, 46052. He is now serving the Dover Christian Church.

John R. Thompson, Press Secretary for Congressman Hillis, 1721 Longworth Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Jeff Olson, C.E.C.N. 310-50-7529 McB-5, Port Huenerne, FPO San Francisco, California, 96601

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Jack Gerrard in the death of his mother, Mrs. Della Gerrard on April 28, in Logansport

PAPER DRIVE COMING

The Chi Rho Fellowship Paper Drive will be Saturday, May 18. Papers may be brought and left on the Fellowship Hall Stage between now and 9:00 that morning. This will be the last paper drive until fall by our youth. Let's help them out by saving paper for recycled usage.

ANNUAL CAR WASH

The CYF will be sponsoring their annual car wash in the church parking lot this Saturday, May 11. You may take your car (along with your donation of $1) anytime between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. While you are waiting, you may have some of the "free" coffee that will be provided. If it should be raining on Saturday, watch this publication for a "rain date."

BARBEE WORK RETREAT

A combined family retreat and work experience has been planned for May 17-18 at Camp Barbee.

Friday, the 17th
7:00 Fellowship & Get Acquainted
8:00 Work Assignments
9:00 Devotions and Snack
Saturday, the 18th
7:00 Breakfast with devotions before:
8:00 Begin work
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Work
4:00 Closing

THANKS

Thank you so very much for all the concern and kindness shown me during my hospital stay. I want to especially thank Dr. Cline and Doyle Hardy for their visits and prayers.

Lillian Busse

EDUCATIONAL STAFF CHANGES:

Deanna Ruble replaces Pat Norman in the Nursery Staff.

Kathlyn Banet returns as second grade teacher to replace Helen Clymore who resigned effective May 1.

Mel Busse becomes teacher of Grades 11 and 12 on June 9 replacing Ray Fredericks.

Delores Keebortz has become the assistant to the Church School secretary, Bev Hendricks.

Margaret Love will replace Mrs. Bixenman in Extended Sessions for Kindergarten and First Grade beginning May 19 until release given by the doctor after eye surgery.

During the sick leave of Mrs. Bixenman, Mrs. Karen Flickinger, Chairperson of Christian Education Committee, should be contacted if teachers cannot find their own replacements.

COMING DATES:

May 19 - Beginning of new Adult Singles Class from age 20 to 40. (This does not replace the College and Career Class in the Parlor.) Watch for full details next week.

May 28 - DMA 12:00 at church-Dr. Cline leading

June 7,8,9 - First Family Camp Out

June 9 - Beginning of New Church School Quarter - Summer electives will be:

NO LONGER STRANGERS - by Bruce Larson led by Dr. Cline in Room 120

STUDIES IN I CORINTHIANS by Addison Leitch, using cassette, study-guide and discussion led by Mrs. Bixenman in Room 301.

June 19 - Kindergarten Adventure Day 9:30 to 12:30

June 25 DMA Picnic

GREETINGS TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF FIRST CHRISTIAN.

As persons and as a congregation, we are very prone to move through each day without really taking into account where we are. The EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT PROGRAM in which we are engaged has helped us to look where we have been and where we desire to go. Let me recount with you some of the significant things in the life of our congregation in this current church year.

We have added the staff support of a student Associate Pastor -- This provides staff aid and also causes us to participate in the preparation of professional leadership on another level. Our Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund has also continued to support our Ed Allen in his seminary life at Brite Seminary of Texas Christian University. Just this week, we learn he has been hired on the staff of Central Christian in Dallas under the dynamic leadership of Rev. and Mrs. E.C. Rowand.

The Education Committee has spearheaded improvements in various classrooms and now our three youngest aged classes are carpeted and many rooms have new cheery drapes and coat racks. Through a Memorial Gift a casette player and small movie screen has been secured.

Different persons have found meaning and renewal through the Discipline and Discovery Program with its emphasis on disciplines and the Ecumenical Power and Light Program with its finding of new power to be and to do.

In the Property area, we replaced the original boiler in this building with a new one, have updated and unified our insurance coverage, and have begun a very helpful relationship in which Earl Fusselman is giving our lawn and shrubs tender loving care with its resultant improvement of appearance.

Our elders have begun a regular Sunday Home Communion Program which has received much approval by both recipients and those who consider it a privilege to serve in this particular ministry. Our Worship Committee not only initiated a Passion Drama, and Easter egg hunt, and a new Children's Choir, but also has been a stimulus for board meeting participation as an act of worship expression to God.

Our Pantry continues to serve persons at the rate of feeding about 1 and 2/3 families every day. At Christmas we provided fruit for the Martin Luther King Center. Several of our people have been key persons in Change through Involvement in our community and especially in its upcoming "PROJECT EDUCATION". A monthly D.M.A. group has been initiated on the fourth Tuesday of each month for retirees, widows, widowers, or senior citizens. A wheel chair has been secured to assist persons into our building up our ramp when the steps take too much energy -- it is constantly available in our Narthex.

A memorial gift enabled us to install new microphones, a new amplifier, and new speakers for better hearing in the worship Nave and Fellowship Hall.

When I stop and think, it becomes rather amazing to try to highlight some of the new among us as a congregation in the last year. Yet, this list has not mentioned the variety of our educational program, the significance and life changes through worship and relationships, and other regular and ongoing parts of our church life.

Praise God for what he has been doing through us as a congregation!

Harold E. Cline

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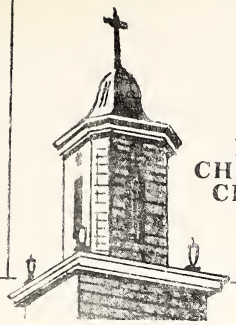

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 18

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Luncheon for Presentation Teams
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. Sermon Dialogue
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision

TUESDAY, MAY 21

9:30 A.M. CWF May Breakfast

THURSDAY, MAY 23

6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

ATTENTION!

THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUNDAY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR PRESENTATION SUNDAY.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT

BABY FOOD

POWDERED MILK

PRESENTATION SUNDAY

This Sunday the 19th is the beginning of an exciting phase of our Every Member Commitment Plan. Our fifty Presentation Teams will be commissioned during the morning worship hours.

They will join for a catered luncheon at 12:15 to be followed by last minute instructions, the Presenter households, and materials to be left in every home. They will be out by 1:30 P.M. to begin the Presenter visits.

Before Presentation Sunday, every home should be contacted for a calling appointment. Do set a time and date for these informational and sharing visits. Presenters will NOT be asking for commitment expressions during the visits.

Following this Sunday morning through June 1, we have the glorious opportunity of every home being visited by one of our 50 teams for information and challenge on the goals and direction of our church life.

Let us join for worship and praise on this PRESENTATION SUNDAY! Pray in behalf of every Presenter and every home to be visited including your own!

SERVING MAY 19

Elders

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Hugh Rice and George Davis

7:00 P.M. Fred Smell

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, R. Johnson, R. Ogles, R. Wortley

10:45 A.M. C. Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, D. Short, T. Frappier, J. Taylor, D. Pomeroy, E. Allen, V. Moore

Deaconesses

Betty Olson and Mary Sue Ludwig

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth, M. Gardner

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Becky Richardson and Sue Ann Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Diana Wortley and Dawn Schrock

Homebound Communion

William Crouse & Bruce Lehman
William Love & Walter Gumpp
Rufus Quinn & Tom Knuckles

PERSONAL MENTION

Parkview

709 Mr. Michael Byers
S117 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

St. Joseph

923 Mrs. Arlynn Call

Lutheran

884 Mrs. Laura Morris
Mrs. Miriam Bixenman (enters 5/16 for Cataract Surgery on 5/17)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Ruby Mowery and family in the sudden death of her brother in Huntington on May 10, 1974.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

MRS. SUSAN MOWERY JONES, 6926 Premiere Drive, 19, 747-5135, identified in a transfer of membership from Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Muncie. Susan is the daughter of Art and Ruby Mowery and has a daughter, Shannon. She is a graduate of Ball State University in music and is employed as a secretary in the offices of Central Soya. We welcome Susan back into our fellowship here.

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman expressed a recommitment of life and shared in special prayers in her behalf during Celebration Worship on Sunday evening.

WOMEN REGISTER FOR CWF QUADRENNIAL

Judy Aker, Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Margaret Love, and Nancy Wortley are registered for the Fifth CWF QUADRENNIAL June 24-28--Purdue University in Lafayette. We rejoice in this participation by these women.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY

This is the last call for newspapers for the Chi Rho paper-drive. Papers need to be on the stage of Fellowship Hall or at the covered entry at the SE corner of the building by 9:00 A.M. this Saturday the 18th. This is the last effort until fall. Help the youth and provide paper for recycled use.

PLAN FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 2

The church celebration of Pentecost will coincide with Dedication Sunday of our Commitment program of time, talent, and treasure. Every member and friend of First Christian is urged to participate in worship that day with signed cards.

TIME NEEDS -- A GROWTH RESPONSE

20,800 hours for SUNDAY WORSHIP which is an average of 400 persons weekly in worship.
31,200 hours for PERSONAL WORSHIP which is 600 persons averaging one hour a week in prayer, Bible reading, or other personal worship
52,000 H_O_U_R_S F_O_R W_O_R_S_H_I_P

10,400 hours for SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL, which is averaging 200 persons in Church School each week.
10,400 hours for STUDY GROUPS including Youth Fellowships which is 200 persons averaging one hour each week.
4,200 hours for RETREAT OR ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS which is 300 persons involved in a special study endeavor overnight or over a weekend.
1,200 hours for YOUTH CAMP AND CONFERENCES which is 40 youth involved in 30 hours of study during a week experience
1,350 hours for VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL which is 100 children averaging 13.5 hours in this special concentrated learning experience
20,800 hours for PERSONAL RELIGIOUS READING, which is 400 persons averaging an hour per week in this kind of growth.
48,350 H_O_U_R_S F_O_R S_T_U_D_Y

10,400 hours for RELATIONAL GROUP EXPERIENCES including D.M.A., Sharing Groups, Youth Fellowships, Class Socials which is 200 persons averaging one hour weekly
4,200 hours for INTERPERSONAL DEVELOPMENT at retreats, camp-outs, conferences, and other short term events.
8,400 hours for Coffee Fellowships and Church Dinners
19,000 H_O_U_R_S F_O_R R_E_L_A_T_I_O_N_S_H_I_P_S

2,400 hours for PROGRAM PLANNING by board and committees
2,080 hours for PHYSICAL LABOR of painting, cleaning, or carpentry
520 hours for KITCHEN WORK of cooking, serving, washing dishes
1,040 hours for OFFICE WORK of telephoning, accounting, stapling, addressing
6,976 hours for PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS of teaching, calling, counseling, child care
3,740 hours for FINE ARTS of drama, art work, music, decorations, flowers
2,080 hours for TRANSPORTATION of driving cars or buses
104 hours for WORSHIP ASSISTANTS to read, pray, share, speak
15,600 hours for COMMUNITY SERVICE in programs to serve local needs
34,540 H_O_U_R_S F_O_R S_E_R_V_I_C_E

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TIME NEEDS (CONTINUED)

THESE GOALS CALL FOR A COMMITMENT OF 153,890 HOURS FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH BY OUR PEOPLE . . . IF 600 OF OUR MEMBERS WOULD AVERAGE 8 HOURS A WEEK WE WOULD HAVE 249,600 HOURS TO GIVE THE LORD AND HIS WORK! (Use the Work Sheet on Time in the Presentation Packet for personal time decisions.)

TALENT NEEDS -- THE CHALLENGE TO USE ABILITIES AND GIFTS

The church is composed of persons who sense their lives as given to Christ in response to the action of God in their behalf. For this living Body of Christ to function in our Twentieth Century the natural abilities and spiritual gifts of all persons are needed. We are asking each person to make a serious personal inventory and offer himself in some particular ways for service in the church or through the church in the community.

Even our Homebound or Bedfast members can offer 10 minutes to 1 hour each day in intercessory prayer in behalf of the church. Some others can use the telephone to help on our daily contact program for all persons living alone. The Gospel sone has put it in these words:

"There's a place for every worker in the vineyard of the Lord,
Where with all our powers united, we can toil with one accord;
There are needy hearts now waiting for the help which we can give;
Let us guide them safely onward, Let us show them how to live.
There's a place...oh, may I find it, where my mission I can fill;
Be it humble or exalted, May I hold it with a will;
Help to serve my generation with heart of love and grace;
Help me Lord, from this time onward, find and occupy my place."

The Presentation packets both itemize many talents needed and discusses programs which call for the usage of our capacities to use our unique lives for Christ. Our Commitment Cards which all will bring on DEDICATION SUNDAY, JUNE 2, list Talent Areas and Specific Tasks on the back of the card. Each person is asked to list several specific tasks which he is willing to fulfill in order to enable the minister of the church.

REMEMBER -- YOU HAVE RESPONSE-ABILITY.

TREASURE NEEDS -- AN ENABLER WITHIN SOCIETY

Even though the Commitment Program of our church is stressing the response of TIME AND TALENT, we dare not miss the necessary expression through our TREASURE.

(Next page, please)

Our society demands, and in some cases provides, each of us with money to function in life. Virtually every member or friend of First Christian Church could make an expression of treasure even if it be $1.00 a month or $5.00 per year. If anyone is below this possibility, the church needs to become aware of the situation so that we can minister and enable the basics for life.

Children and youth are privileged when they begin the practice of giving a percentage of their allowance or earnings on a regular basis. Thus, we are asking each person six years of age or above to consider a commitment of time, talent, and treasure in the life of our church for the coming year.

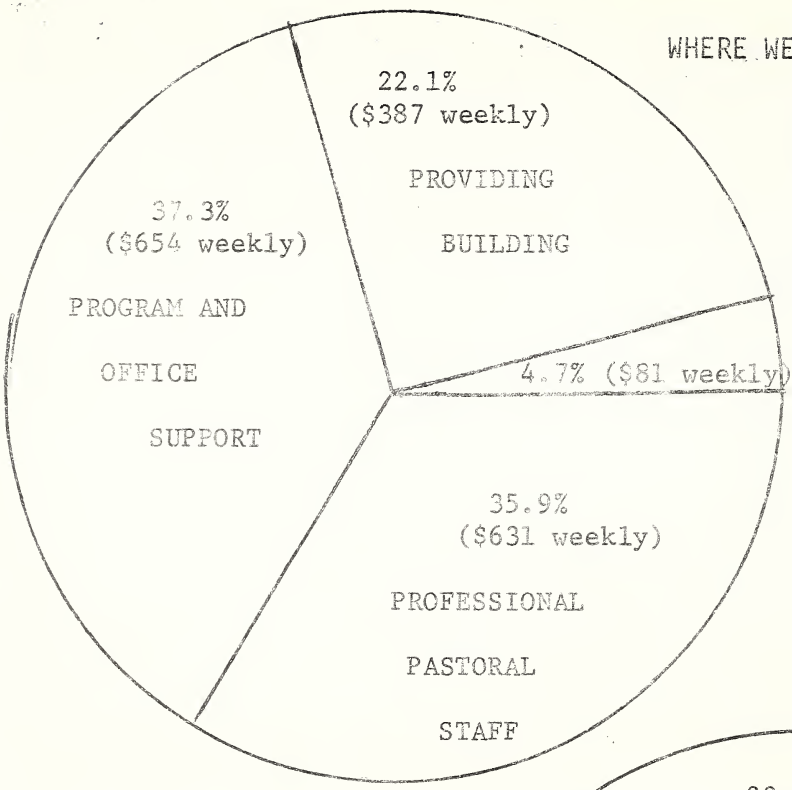
Our nation is currently in an inflationary era, when social security benefits for the aged are being raised significantly along with current wages and high interest earning rates. This means that almost every household of our church has had an increase in income in the last year. This means that giving cannot remain static or it becomes a cut back. The reality of the economics of our nation must be reflected in the commitment of our treasure.

We believe in the RESPONSE-ABILITY of every person who claims Jesus Christ as Lord of life. One part of our personal response is learning to give as regularly as we receive our salary, wages, earnings, or pensions. The Bible suggests the laying aside of our contributions "on the first day of every week." Giving of treasure along with time and talent needs to be a regular expression. The provision of ministry in the name of Christ costs dollars every day and every hour and thus regular support is needed from the Christian community.

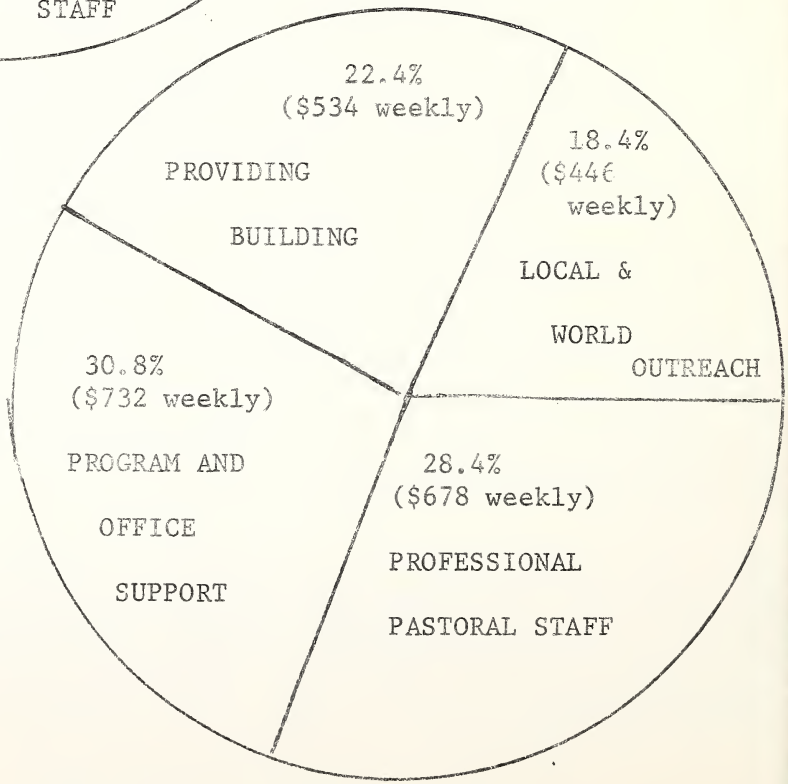
Finally, percentage or proportionate giving of treasure is urged. The Bible gives us the principle of the tithe or ten percent of income. This principle of percentage enables us to maintain commitment with God on an even level whether our income increases or decreases. When we give in income earning years on the percentage basis, we can move to reduced income of pension years with a clear conscience of responsible commitment of that entrusted to our hands. This means that giving patterns need adjustment in accordance with all adjustments of income.

What does this all add up to--Jesus put it this way, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We are concerned that the use of all material resources be handled in such a way that the heart and life of every person related directly or indirectly with First Christian Church is right with God.

WHERE WE ARE IN BUDGET SUPPORT



This circle represents the actual 10 month budget spending of July 1, 1973 to April 30, 1974. The total spent has been $77,126



This circle represents the goal-setting of the church for 1974-75 as a basis for the commitment askings of $123,767

WHERE WE HOPE TO BE

SERMON AND DIALOGUE

This Sunday at 5:30 P.M. is the fourth and final Dialogue Session in the Church Parlor for interaction on the sermon, "CALLED TO BE AND TO BECOME." These dialogues are for clarification and reaction to these special sermons in a series, "CALLED IN CHRIST" which are dealing with some basic issues of our Church life and the stance of the pastor, Dr. Cline. These sermons are also going to be available in print and written comments would be appreciated either by Dr. Cline or the Sounding Board Committee chaired by Jack Weicker.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

A class for singles in the 20's and 30's is slated to begin this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. in Room 300. This is the current office of Mrs. Edna Vaught on the third floor of the Administrative wing.

Barbara Schrock is leading this new group which is open to singles who are male or female. "THE HABITATION OF DRAGONS" by Keith Miller will be the first study resource.

This class is an addition to our educational program and in no way replaces the College and Career Class taught in the east parlor by Bill Franklin. We welcome this new offering to our Church School program as meeting the requests of several persons around our church.

PRAY FOR PRESENTATION EFFORTS

Pray for our presenters as they telephone for appointments this week and for both Presenters and callees as they share these important visits!!

REGISTER NOW FOR CHURCH CAMP

All of our youth from grades 5 through college youth have summer camp and conference opportunities available through the church. Complete registration as soon as possible and give to Doyle Hardy or Dr. Cline. The church underwrites half the cost as an incentive for these Christian educational experiences.

The following 17 are already registered from our church:

International Affairs Seminar in New York & Washington - June 8-15 - *Val Williams*

Southern Indiana Bike Hike - June 8-15 - *Chad Cline*

Camp 5-6 at Barbee, June 30-July 6- *Steve Grimm, Greg Heiney, Mark Rayl*

Camp 5-6 at Barbee, July 7-13 *Diana Schrock, Lorinda Ruble*

Camp 7-8 at Barbee, July 22-27 *Carol Cline, Brenna Ruble, Denise Schrock*

Camp 11-12, at Barbee, August 4-11 *Debbie Nordblom, Schellie Schell, Val Williams*

Camp 9-10 at Barbee, August 11-17 *Melanie Baugner, Chad Cline, Terry Gardner, Dawn Schrock*

Let's sign up while there are still choices of all weeks. We expect 30 to 40 of our youth to participate this summer.

D.M.A. ON TUESDAY, MAY 28

All retirees, widows, widowers, or those over 60 are invited for the May D.M.A. Bring a covered dish and table service for the meal at 12:00 noon. Dr. Cline is going to lead the program of activity which should be enjoyable for all.

DEDICATION SUNDAY, JUNE 2

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS!

I am excited! The growing enthusiasm and confidence on the future direction of our church by some of our EMC Coaches is positive. Last week, I talked with you about some of the accomplishments of the past year. This week I desire to focus upon some goals and to add some personal notes.

WHERE WE DESIRE TO MOVE:

Our Christian education committee is concerned to improve our facilities in order to make classrooms attractive and inviting. A start has been made, and the determination is there to keep moving.

The Evangelism and Information Committees are concerned for more publicity and a greater responsiveness in terms of visits to visitor families. A training retreat for witness is planned for September and the desire is present for every member to share the evangelistic witness.

Three committees are focusing upon the need to provide transportation for our membership. Whether we will purchase a mini-bus, lease, or temporarily use cars is not finalized. There is a growing demand within our church for a ministry of enabling through providing transportation for any member or friend needing it on Sunday.

Our Membership committee is pushing for records to utilize personnel information, for retreats for special groupings of our church, and for a card remembrance program. They are also underscoring the long-range goal of developing a Retreat Center.

The Property committee has bids for exterior painting, parking lot resurfacing, roof repair, and drain pipe cleaning. Concern is present for responsible care of our building plus dreams for long-range improvements through carpets, new folding doors, and renovating certain sections.

The Stewardship committee has gained a vision of potential of our church for giving to move upward to $175,000 to $200,000 annually on the basis of careful study of our potential. They say we can do what we need to be doing for Christ.

The Worship Committee has started some new directions and is moving forward with several other concerns to improve satisfaction in worship. Volunteer help is being challenged to move out into community service.

Local, regional, national and world outreach is being projected on a regular basis to insure support weekly for the different causes. The provision of resources will enable a regular program of mission in the name of Christ.

Finally, I want to say "WOW" or "WHOOPEE" to the present effort to enlist commitment of TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. We are working to challenge the wholeness of each of our lives.

PERSONAL NOTES:

1. Will you covenant with me and with others to pray daily for our presenters and those upon whom they will be calling?

2. Will you encourage the Presenters in your home to share with you the wholeness of the story which they have in hand and in mind?

3. Will you explore the areas for TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE carefully and prayerfully in these weeks as we come to our expression of commitments on COMMITMENT SUNDAY, JUNE 2.

Praise God for what he is leading us to become and to do in his name!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1974
7:30 P.M. International Dinner to honor Graduating Seniors
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1974
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, MAY 27, 1974
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1974
12:00 Noon D.M.A. Covered Dish Luncheon
THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1974
7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

PANTRY NEEDS:
SIZE 18 MATERNITY CLOTHES
FRUIT JUICES
TUNA
POWDERED MILK

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We salute the following who complete this milestone in educational growth:

Darlene Davis
Jill Franklin
*Gary Hall**
Bob Hartzler
*Sandy Meadows**
Sue Morris Marks
*Debbie Nordblom**
*Doug Olson**
Sharyn Pargeon
*Joseph Snouffer**
*Barbara Taylor**
*Melanie Tracey**
*Lee Ann Urich**
*Becky Webster**
Jim Wilhelm
Terry Wuthrick
Nancy Yeoman

If there are omissions or errors, please contact the church office. Those marked with asterisks are members of the church.

These seniors will share in a special Baccalaureate Recognition and in a gift from the congregation during Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, June 2.

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SERVING MAY 26

Elders

8:15 A.M. Rufus Quinn and Larry Barnes

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and Dean Widler

8:00 P.M. Mark Snyder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, F. Richardson, W. Bowen, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Petty, T. Ogles, R. Cole, T. Knuckles, A. Huddleston, J. Hechler, O. McDougle, H. Stevenson

Deaconesses

Mary Cook and Delores Overmyer

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Cline, M. Olson, G. Hunt, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, B. Urich, M. Byers, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Bill Schilling and Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Denise Schrock and Terry Gardner

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 631 Mr. Art Mowery
Mrs. Nancy Wortley entered on 5/20 for surgery 5/21

St. Joseph: 923 Mrs. Arylnn Call

Parkview: S117 Mrs. Helen Sheerin
S222 Miss Diane Romane

C.Y.F. CAR WASH THIS SATURDAY

For $1.00 donation you can have your car of any size washed in the church parking lot this Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00. All C.Y.F.'ers are to call Barb Taylor about helping on the car wash.

GRADUATING SENIORS (from page 1)

They are also guests of the CYF for an International Dinner at 7:30 P.M. this Saturday, the 25th, in Fellowship Hall. They are invited to bring parents and a guest. The whole CYF is invited.

FAMILY CAMP OUT JUNE 7, 8, 9

The first All-Church Family Camp Out will be the weekend of June 7, 8 and 9 at the Twin Mills Resort at Howe, Indiana. Ben and Val Taylor are in charge of the weekend. For further information call the Taylors.

LIVING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH MEMORIAL GIVING

IN MEMORY OF LAWRENCE HORN
by the Chancel Choir

ALL ITEMS FOR THE EMILY E. FLINN HOME SHOULD BE IN BY JUNE 2. THERE WILL BE A BOX AT THE DOOR CLEARLY MARKED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

AN INVITATION

All members and friends of First Christian are invited to attend the informal reception in honor of the Parlettes to be held immediately following the second worship on Sunday, June 2.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Alpha Piercy in the death of her son several weeks ago, but of which we just learned.

To Mrs. Ellen Buchanan in the death of her sister in Muncie on May 13.

To the family of Benjamin Weimer, a non-resident member, whose death we just learned.

DEDICATION SUNDAY OF OUR COMMITMENT PLAN IS PENTECOST, JUNE 2, 1974

OUR GOALS IN COMMITMENT:

TIME - A total commitment of 153,900 hours annually for Christ in worship, study, relationships, and service.

TALENT - An average of three specific tasks offered by over 700 persons of age six and above.

TREASURE - A total commitment for budget giving of $123,767 for the church year, July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE THESE GOALS:

1. Carefully study the materials of THE TIDINGS and of the Presentation Folder left in our homes by the Presentation Teams.
2. Ponder self and potentials as given by God in Christ against the gift of right relationship enjoyed in Jesus which ties us with God, within ourself, with others close to us and with the world.
3. Prayerfully make a commitment of intent which can be shared with the congregation in an act of worship on Dedication Sunday, June 2. The signing of a card is an intention which can be changed by circumstances--It is a personal inventory and goal. Yet, it is needed for the church to plan realistically.

GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSE:

TIME - Most of us invest about 84 hours weekly in daily work, family life, TV, church, recreation, study, community service, and other causes by personal choice. Consider a tithe of this time which would be 8.4 hours per week. Notice the itemized list of personal and corporate possibilities for this time in the TIDINGS of May 16. If not a tenth, then figure your RESPONSEABILITY percentage.

TALENT - Check the list of specific tasks on the back of the Commitment Card. Write in two to five which challenge you. Even sick and Homebound can write notes of encouragement or share daily in intercessory prayer or telephone.

TREASURE - Review the changes in your income in the past year and any anticipated changes. Figure a way of giving which reflects the Biblical pattern of regular and proportionage giving. Some have found this suggestion helpful:

$1.00 per week per $1,000 of annual income which is giving 5% - A Beginning Commitment

$2.00 per week per $1,000 of annual income which is giving 10% - A Tithe Commitment

$3.00 per week per $1,000 of annual income which is giving 15% - A Sacrifical Commitment

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

It was thrilling to have 91 share in the Presenter Luncheon yesterday and to head out for these important visits of information and challenge. Two teams are known to me who have completed all of their calls. This is great and we hope that all others will do so quickly.

Please, avail yourself of this opportunity for relationship, for the receiving of information and witness, and for a forward look in our congregation. If you any reason, you are not visited or an appointment set by this Sunday, the 26th, call the church office or myself on Tuesday the 28th. I covet that each and every home will appreciate this effort. 600 man and woman hours were spent in training for these 455 calls.

Plan and pray for our Dedication Sunday on June 2. This is also Pentecost which is the birthday of the church. Baccalaureate Sunday for high school seniors is also slated the same day. Be one of 500 persons for whom we are praying and working to be present on this important day in the life of our congregation.

I am taking four days vacation over this weekend. My family and I will be sharing in a wedding of a very close friend of Sally, Ruby's 25th Class Reunion, and with Ruby's home church and family. Doyle will be preaching at Meditative Worship and sharing with the choirs in the leadership of WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC at 10:45 A.M. He will also lead the Celebration Worship experience at 8:00 P.M. (NOTE: CELEBRATION WORSHIP MOVES TO OUR SUMMER TIME OF 8:00 INSTEAD OF 7:00 FROM MEMORIAL WEEKEND TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND.)

Recently, we have sent several checks in support of Outreach causes. $1,000 to Unified Promotion of Christian Churches--753 from Easter and 247 from Budget; $107 in special offering for Tornado Relief through Week of Compassion; $500 for the Indiana Appeal share of our Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving; $1,000 for Associated Churches from budget support; and $211 from special Scholarship for Weekday Christian Education giving to Associated Churches.

Each and every member and friend of the church needs to make response on our Dedication Sunday. We are dependant upon specific commitments in order to achieve our total goals of $153,900 hours annually for Christ and church; 2,100 voluntary offers for specific tasks, and $123,767 for our goal-setting budget. Pray, consider, and decide in order to make this corporate achievement.

God bless you each and every one! Harold E. Cline

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 3
7:30 P.M. Constitutional Revision Committee
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group Dinner Out

TUESDAY, JUNE 4
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ruth Ogles, 3322 Rosewood

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5
10:30 A.M. Spice Group Potluck Mildred Hogg, 1408 Three Rivers East
6:30 P.M. Higdon Group Picnic Sadie Kattas, 203 E. Pettit

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 8, and 9
Family Camp Out

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT
CEREALS
CANNED MEAT
BEDDING

SUNDAY IS THE DAY

Make every effort to be one of 500 in our three worship hours. Pray and prepare for this day in the life of our church.

DEDICATION SUNDAY - All members and friends of the church of age 6 and above are asked to bring commitment intentions of Time, Talent, and Treasure to one of the three worship hours.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - The birth of the church is celebrated as one of the highlights of Christian experience *Morning Sermon "GOD'S CONTINUING CREATION" Acts 2:14-42 - Dr. Cline.*

SENIOR BACCALAUREATE WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M. - Our high school seniors will participate and receive gifts.

PARLETTE RECEPTION - Don and Vee Parlette will be sharing music leadership for the last time Sunday morning and are special guests at the 11:45 A.M. reception in Fellowship Hall.

SERVING JUNE 2

Elders

8:15 A.M. Hugh Rice and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Earl Plummer and William Crouse

8:00 P.M. Robert Rayl

Deacons

8:15 A.M. G. Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, S. Cole, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. H. Helmuth, R. Johnson, B. Lehman, D. Young, D. Weaver, D. Short, R. Clifton, J. Taylor

Deaconesses

Mary Cook and Delores Overmyer

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, R. Chevalier, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Homebound Communion

Merle Rice and Fred Richardson
Dean Widler and Russell Wortley
George Bruckman and Orie McCougle

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: M-203 Mrs. DeAnn Crist

St. Joseph: 615 Mrs. Edna Saxon
923 Mrs. Arlynn Call

Parkview: S117 Mrs. Helen Sherrin

WEDDING BY DOYLE HARDY

Les Franklin and Cindy Knight were married May 25, 1974.

THANKS TO CHOIRS: We appreciate the WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC which was shared last Sunday. The children's Choir has ended for the winter. The Youth and Chancel Choir will rehearse together this week. The Chancel Choir will sing through Sunday, June 9.

HONORING PARLETTES AND GRADUATES

Our Fellowship time at 11:45 A.M. this Sunday will honor Don and Vee Parlette who complete 7 years as Director of Music and Organist for our congregation. The graduating seniors participating in our Baccalaureate Worship Sunday are also guests. We appreciate the faithfulness and service of the Parlettes!

PENTECOST OUTREACH OFFERING

The special Blue Envelopes in our sets and the Pew envelopes for Pentecost will go for Outreach support. The total church school offering of June 2 will also go for this support of our basic outreach ministry of missions, benevolence, education, and regional and general ministry of our communion.

ADDITIONAL GIFT FOR WCE

An additional special Scholarship for Weekday Christian Education was received and mailed this week bringing our total special gifts for this cause to $224.

CHANGE IN QUADRENNIAL

Mrs. Amelia Dare replaces Nancy Wortley as a participant in the CWF Quadrennial, June 24-28, at Purdue. Over 4,000 women are registered.

THANKS TO CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

The banners at the front of our Worship Nave were made for the church by our Chi Rho Youth under the leadership of Ben and Val Taylor.

COMMIT ON DEDICATION
SUNDAY
OF OUR COMMITMENT PLAN

CELEBRATE ON
PENTECOST SUNDAY

WORSHIP SUNDAY AT
8:15 A.M. or
10:45 A.M. or 8:00 P.M.

OUR GOALS IN COMMITMENT FOR DEDICATION SUNDAY

TIME - A total commitment of 153,900 hours annually for Christ through our congregation.

TALENT - An average of three specific tasks volunteered by over 700 persons.

TREASURE - A total commitment for budget giving of $123,767 for the church year, July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975.

PRESENTERS ARE LEADING THE WAY:

On May 19, when we commissioned our Presenters, they were asked to make their commitments before talking with others. They have given us a running start as we move towards DEDICATION SUNDAY.

TIME - 67 persons have committed 19,984 hours annually which is 12.9% of our goal of 153,900 hours.

TALENT - 81 persons have committed 293 specific tasks which is 13.9% of our goal running above average per person.

TREASURE - 47 households have committed $38,661 annually which is 31.2% of our goal.

IF FOR ANY REASON you have not received a visit by a Presentation Team and thus not received your commitment card, call the church office at 744-3239 today.

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU cannot bring your Commitment Card on Sunday, please mail it immediately so that it can be counted with the others on DEDICATION SUNDAY and report in THE TIDINGS of June 6.

REMEMBER, this is an every member effort and we desire to hear from every member. Follow-up visits will be made to receive some response from the totality of our membership. Each Christian is being challenged to be a participant in a regular and proportionate way in light of his unique life and circumstances.

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

The first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ found the disciples waiting in one accord and in prayer. God acted through their preparedness with the dramatic beginning of the church in history. Pentecost brings the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus into vital relationship with each of our personal lives. The gift of the Spirit ~~makes Jesus~~ a living contemporary with us.

This year, the triumphal joy and celebration of Pentecost is united with the climactic DEDICATION SUNDAY of our Commitment Plan. On the basis of home visitations and information shared by our laity, every member and friend of First Christian is asked to make a careful and prayerful commitment of Time, Talent, and Treasure. Cards were mailed to our out-of-town members. Cards have been left with Presentation Folders in all our homes.

May I make some personal comments about the importance of these commitments. 1) We are asking for commitments of each person or couple of age 6 and above. Each one is needed! 2) It is important to make a commitment for each area: TIME--this includes time for worship, study, church programs and activities, retreats, youth camps, personal devotions, Christian reading, Christian community service--(see TIDINGS--May 16) TALENT--three or more specific tasks are desired to be written on the card; TREASURE--figure a Christian goal to be given regularly and proportionately according to income or resources. 3) Definite hour and dollar amounts are needed because we are seriously going to respond to actual commitments. 4) Bring your commitment on Sunday. If you cannot attend, mail it so that we need not make a follow-up visit in order to secure one from you.

I am excited about this effort in which we are engaged. It could become the opening of a new day of meaning, witness, service, and satisfaction in the life our our congregation! As is indicated on page 3 some have taken a lead to move towards a new level of life in Jesus Christ. Yet, this task demands the best from each and every one of us. I praise God for the hours and work and enthusiasm of some of our members indicated so far. Let's join in shoulder-to-shoulder to move forward as a people.

Baccalaureate Sunday and the Reception for the Parlettes add to this important Sunday in our life. I anticipate the joy and fullness of our worship experiences of this Pentecost Sunday of 1974. SEE YOU IN WORSHIP!

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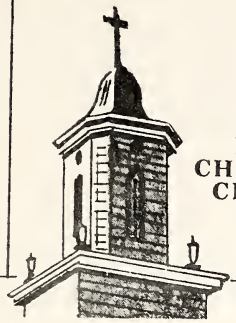

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

HAROLD E. CLINE, EDITOR

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Volume XXXII June 5, 1974, No. 23

CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 P.M. Youth and Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Family Camp Out

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 10

6:15 P.M. Guild Carry-In Dinner, Mildred Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Opal Perkins, 729 Union Street

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 P.M. Nelson Group Dinner Out

7:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT
HAMBURGER and TUNA HELPER
SOUPS

COMPLETING THE TASK

Our Commitment Plan is moving into its final follow-up stage where we are trying to include every person and family in commitments of time, talent, and treasure. The success as of Sunday evening is recorded in detail on Page 3. Our mail will bring much more during the week. Our Presenters will be making follow-up contacts so that we have some response from each one.

Because we recognize that our totals Sunday evening reflect slightly less than half of our giving households, there is a strong element of hope. The commitment of a definite amount for giving of time, talent, and treasure regularly by each member and friend of First Christian can open the door for greater satisfaction and fulfillment in our church life.

Some have made sacrifical and growing commitments. Now the challenge is for all to respond. Pray and believe that God wants to accomplish much through us.

Harold E. Cline

SERVING JUNE 9

Elders

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and George Bruckmen

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Bert Leversee

8:00 P.M. Larry Barnes

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, W. Bowen, D. Pomeroy, E. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, V. Moore, T. Frappier, W. Koehlinger, C. Hetrick, R. Ogles, A. Huddleston, J. Hechler

Deaconesses

Mary Cook and Delores Overmyer

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, R. Flickinger, M. Terry, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, R. Chevalier, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: M-203 Mrs. DeAnn Crist

St. Joseph: 615 Mrs. Edna Saxon

715 Mrs. Arlynn Call

Parkview: S117 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

Mrs. Lucy Russell

(Mother of Bea Rice broke hip on Monday)

WEDDINGS INVOLVING PASTOR

David Davenport and Lesley Lods on 5/25/74 in Kokomo

Michael Lee Orr and Christine Rae Peake on 6/1/74

These weddings were shared with present staff of the South Side Christian Church.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Ralph Keller in the death of her brother, Bob Elder.

MAY AVERAGES

Church Worship	316
Church School	159
Budget Giving	$,631.58
Appeal Giving	234.69

NEW MEMBERS DURING MAY

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hayes (Barbara)

Mrs. Susan Jones

CALL FOR BUDGET SUPPORT

The treasurer's report for May 31, 1974 show these account balances:

Budget	-3,562.74
Transitory	576.55
Cent. & Ind. Appeal	3,066.93
TOTAL	84.74

The giving of everyone could bring our Budget or Operating account out of the red by June 30! Let's move from the past into a strong year ahead which we anticipate with our Commitment plan!

WEEKDAY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Friendly Class sent $8 to Associated Churches for a scholarship which brings our total effort to $232 in extra scholarship support for children of our community receiving religious education.

ADDITIONAL CAMP REGISTRATIONS

Camp 7-8, Barbee, June 30-July 6

Marty Cole

Camp 9-10, Barbee, August 12-17

Diana Wortley

PASTOR TO ST. LOUIS

Dr. Cline will be in St. Louis to participate in the annual meetings of the General Board of the Christian Church from Saturday afternoon, the 8th, through Tuesday afternoon, the 11th. He is a representative of the Indiana Region on this 222 member board.

COMMITMENT PLAN REPORT AS OF DEDICATION SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1974

TIME - Goal of 153,900 hours

Persons stating a Definite Commitment	196
Persons without a Definite Commitment	113
Total hours Committed by 196 persons	46,517
Percentage of Total Goal	30.2%

TALENT - Goal of 2,100 specific tasks by 700 persons

Persons listing Specific Tasks	207
Persons not listing Specific Tasks	93
Specific Tasks Committed by 207 persons	620
Percentage of Total Goal	29.5%

TREASURE - Goal of $123,767 in Budget Giving

Households with a Definite Commitment	145
Households without a Definite Commitment	17
Total Money Committed	$79,988
Percentage of Total Goal	64.6%

(When Budget is projected, $4,200 can be added as the normal income of Church School offerings, loose offerings, and Endowment Trust Fund income. When this is added to the above figure, we total $84,188 which is 68% of our goal.)

POTENTIALS TO HEAR FROM BEFORE OUR DEADLINE OF JUNE 16:

1. GIVING HOUSEHOLDS - During 1973, we had 326 member or friend households sharing in budget giving. Thus, we have 164 more households who gave last year to commit.
2. RESIDENT MEMBERS - Our Presenters tried to call in 424 resident households who have one or more members. Since we have heard from 154 of these, there are 270 more.
3. NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS - Letters were mailed to 94 homes away from Fort Wayne with one or more persons still claiming allegience here. A commitment has been received from 1 so we have 93 more to respond by mail.
4. FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN - Presenters tried to call in 30 such homes. Six of these households plus 1 too new to be on the list have made commitments. 24 more could respond plus many others on whom no direct effort has been made.

WE HAVE RESPONSE-ABILITY -- WE CAN REACH ALL THREE GOALS

JOIN IN TO REACH OUR GOALS UNDER CHRIST!

MAIL OR BRING YOUR COMMITMENT CARD TO THE CHURCH TODAY!

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Hugh Rice has moved the June meeting from Father's Day on the 16th to 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 18. The agenda will include a working budget for 1974-75 based on the Treasure Commitments, the hiring of an assistant secretary, a recommendation on the Capital Outreach Fund of our Memorial Funds, and interaction on the development of our revised Constitution and By-Laws.

PENTECOST OFFERING

The final special day offering for World Outreach causes will close this Sunday. $329 was received last week. This money helps support our Division of Overseas Ministries in 23 nations in 4 continents. Bring or send your special Pentecost offering this Sunday.

CHURCH CAMP OUT

Families of our congregation will be at Twin Mills Resort west of Howe this weedend. Identify from First Christian as enter grounds. Resort is located 2 miles west on St. Rd. 120 from Howe. For information, call Ben or Val Taylor--447-2880.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

An informal reception honoring Mrs. Edna Vaught will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 30. She completes her work with us as of that date after serving as secretary for 31 years and church clerk for 46 years.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL QUARTER

Karen Flickinger, Christian Education Chairman, will promote our youth this Sunday. Grade 12 youth will move into the College and Career Class taught by Bill Franklin in the East Parlor; Youth entering Grades 11 and 12 will move into Room 332 with Mel Busse teaching; Youth entering Grades 9 & 10 will move into Room 331 with Tom Frappier teaching; and Youth entering the eighth Grade will remain in Room 330 with Jim Ruble teaching. Our Promotion Sunday for children will come as we open the fall semester.

NO LONGER STRANGERS by Bruce Larson is the text for the summer elective class to meet in Room 120 and led by Dr. Cline. This class is open for enrollment by any youth or adult. An introductory tape by Bruce Larson will be used this Sunday and the actual textual study will begin on the 16th.

BIBLE STUDY: I CORINTHIANS is a programmed study elective class to be led by Miriam Bixenman in her office, Room 301. This is a serious study of a New Testament letter for interpretation and growth.

Rosemary Krull and Rose Jenkins have been added to the 2 & 3 year old Nursery staff.

Karen Flickinger, Marlene Crouse, Sandy Weicker, Debra Weirick, Barbara Hayes, Val Taylor, and Jody Eckert are rotating leadership for the Toddler Nursery during Church School.

Classes await all children, youth, and adults in our Church School. Come and participate!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 P.M. Church Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

3:00 to 4:30 P.M. Kindergarten Adventure Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 P.M. Born to Win Group

PANTRY NEEDS: SUGAR

CANNED FRUIT

PEANUT BUTTER

GUIDEPOSTS FOR PILGRIMMAGE

Dr. Cline is concluding this church year with three sermons dealing with selfhood in Jesus Christ.

June 16 - "WAITING TO BE BORN"
John 1:9-13

June 23 - "WHEN YOU ARE LONELY"
John 14:15-22

June 30 - "THE NEED FOR ACCEPTANCE"
Romans 8:1-17

When we worship God and catch a vision of Him and His life, we come to a greater awareness of ourselves and what our lives are about. May we look to God, to Scripture, to others in the church, and to ourselves so that we can discover what God is desiring for the depths of our personalities. Truly God leads us forth in victory through our pilgrimmage of life in Christ!

FINAL PEAK

Time is running out in our Commitment Effort. Mail Commitment Cards Today! Presenters, complete any last minute follow-up calls. Pray, decide, act, and encourage that we may find the victory that God wants for First Christian! Sunday Noon is the deadline!

SERVING JUNE 16

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Dean Widler

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and Rufus Quinn

8:00 P.M. Dean Widler

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Aker, S. Cole, R. Hendricks, R. Petty

10:45 A.M. H. Helmuth, T. Ogles, R. Cole, R. Ogles, T. Knuckles, D. Allen, H. Stevenson, D. Young

Deaconesses

Lois Finkhousen and Judy Aker

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, R. Chevalier, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

Homebound Communion

Don Passwater and Jack Sauerwein
Mark Snyder and Tom Frappier
William Love and Wayne Koehlinger

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 511 Mrs. Lucy Russell
S117 Mrs. Helen Sherrin

BIRTH: A daughter, Melissa, born to Tim and Linda Haggenjos, on June 8, 1974.

ERROR LAST WEEK

I hope the comma gave away the error. Our Budget giving average for the month of May was $1,631.58.

PASTOR'S VACATION

Dr. Cline had four days at the end of May and is taking June 17-22; July 3-7 and July 22-27.

LETTERS TO CONGREGATION:

May 6th

Dear Christian Friends,

During our years of Christian experience we have met many beautiful people who have shared God's love with us. We would like our Christian friends of First Christian Church to know that the most wonderful experience of God's love has been during our membership in the family of God in Fort Wayne. Thank you for sharing God's love with us in such a real way. We will always remember this period of time in our lives as we continue to grow nearer to Jesus Christ in our Christian lives.

We would enjoy a visit from any of you at anytime.

In His Love,
Ray, Sharon & Diane Fredericks

THANK YOU:

Thank you for prayers, visits, cards, and other expressions of love given during my recent surgery and recouperation.

Mary Ann Heiney

D.M.A. PICNIC COMING

The D.M.A. will have a picnic at Franke Park on Tuesday, June 25, at 12:00 noon.

The July 23, they will have a Travelogue Program at 12:00 following a pitch-in dinner here.

On Tuesday evening, August 27, they are chartering a bus to attend "An Evening with Cole Porter" at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. Reservations need to be made with Hugh and Gwynth Rice at $6 per person for the Bus and the Play. They will leave the church lot at 7:00 P.M.

COMMITMENT PLAN REPORT AS OF JUNE 9, 1974

TIME - Goal of 153,900 hours

Persons with a definite commitment	212
Persons without a definite commitment	159
Hours Committed	51,280
Percentage of Total Goal	33.3%

TALENT - Goal of 2,100 specific tasks by 700 persons

Persons with definite tasks	237
Persons without definite tasks	125
Specific tasks committed	687
Percentage of Total Goal of Tasks	32.5%

TREASURE - Goal $123,767

Households with definite commitments	178
Households without definite commitments	20
Total Money Committed	$92,308
Percentage of Total Goal	74.5%

POTENTIAL TO HEAR FROM BEFORE OUR DEADLINE OF NOON, JUNE 16:

1. GIVING HOUSEHOLDS - During 1973, we had 326 member or friend households sharing in budget giving. Thus, we have 130 more households who gave last year to commit.

2. RESIDENT MEMBERS - Our Presenters tried to call in 424 resident households who have one or more members. Since we have heard from 184 of these there are 240 more.

3. NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS - Letters were mailed to 94 homes away from Fort Wayne with one or more persons still claiming allegience here. A commitment has been received from 2 so we have 92 more to respond by mail.

4. FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN - Presenters tried to call in 30 such homes. 9 of these households plus 1 too new to be listed have made commitments. 21 more could respond plus many others on whom no direct effort has been made.

(NOTE: In the Treasure Area, $4,200 can be projected from Church School, Loose Worship Offerings, and Endowment Trust Fund Income. $4,360 can be projected for annual giving for the 20 households who did not define a dollar commitment from study of patterns over the last two years. Thus, anticipated resources equal $100,868 or 81.4% of the Goal Setting Budget.

MAIL OR BRING YOUR COMMITMENT CARD TODAY----TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE!

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

A very important Church Board meeting is called for 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday, June 18.

Agenda includes:

1. Working budget for 1974-75
2. Hiring of Ass't Secretary
3. Recommendation on spending of Capital Outreach Fund
4. Interaction on Developing Constitution & By-laws

KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURE DAY

All children of the Kindergarten Class are invited at 3:00 on Wednesday the 19th for Adventure Day. The group will go to MacDonalds on South Anthony.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM ASSOCIATED CHURCHES:

Thanks so much for your letter and recent check. You came through at a very helpful time for us so I was especially appreciative that week!

The commitment of your church and of you and the staff is deeply appreciated. I have a warm spot for Disciples anyway and this only verifies my feelings. Do express my gratitude to your church for the continued concern and support of our mutual ecumenical ministries.

Your indication that you may be going to a monthly payment plan will be very sustaining. I do believe it is easier for churches as well as individual pledgers in the church. In that way we are both given those needed assurances each month.

I look forward to working with you and your people in many meaningful ways.

Sincerely,
Mel Phillips
Executive Director

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. INDIANA SUMMER VACATION PROGRAM

Host an inner city child of a different racial and cultural heritage. Share your home with this child for a mutual growing experience. The Ray Fredericks family participated last summer. Secure an information form from the Church Office.

2. HOOSIER HOSTS FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS WHO speak English and who study at a Christian school. Families are needed from July 26 to August 23. Youth are ages 16-20. Secure an application in the office.

3. SONGS HYMNS, MUSIC FOR REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - Write and send an original work for this Assembly in October on the theme, SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG. Ruby Cline is Vice-President of the Assembly in charge of the program. Express the theme in music and send lyrics and music to:

MUSIC (Assembly)
Christian Church in Indiana
1100 W. 42nd Street
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46208

YOUTH FOR SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Two of our youth are gone this week in Regional Events - Val Williams on the International Affairs Seminar in New York and Washington and Chad Cline on the Bicycle Trip of 600 miles in southern Indiana. Sign up now for the various weeks of Camp and Conference. 19 others are already registered. See Doyle Hardy or Dr. Cline, or come to the church office during the week.

LAY WITNESS MISSION PARTICIPANTS

Dean and Elsie Widler are sharing this weekend in Fountain City, Ind. at the Friends Church. Dean is Coordinator.

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Volume XXXII June 19, 1974 No. 25

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Chi Rho Cook-Out
1:30 P.M. Progressive Class Picnic, Delmas Young, 5548 Lake
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 P.M. C.Y.F. Swim and Rap The Clines, 5705 Fernwood

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Picnic, Franke Park
7:00 P.M. College and Career Swim at Clines (meeting at 8:00)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9:30 A.M. Grades 1 and 2 Adventure Day
2:00 P.M. Family Movie
7:00 P.M. Family Movie

PANTRY NEEDS: CLOTHING FOR NEWBORN BABIES

SOUPS

CANNED FRUIT

COMMISSIONING WOMEN AND YOUTH

Our five women leaving for the C.W.F. Quadrennial on Monday and our youth participants in summer camp and conference along with adult counselors will be commissioned during our Worship Hours this Sunday.

Participating in the C.W.F. event with over 4,000 Disciple women are *Judy Aker, Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Amelia Dare,* and *Maragret Love.*

Dr. Cline and *Miriam Bixenman* are directing Youth Camps. Serving as counselors are *Peg Buskirk, Ruby Cline, Jim* and *Barb Taylor, Connie Wells* and *Nancy Wortley.*

Youth Participants include: *Val Williams, Chad Cline, Marty Cole, Steve Grimm, Greg Heiney, Pat Olson, Mark Rayl, Diana Schrock, Lorinda Ruble, John Morris, Carol Cline, Brenna Ruble, Denise Schrock, Debbie Nordblom, Schellie Schell, Barb Taylor, Melanie Baugher, Terri Gardner, Dawn Schrock* and *Diana Wortley.*

Dr. Cline will be preaching the second of the series, "Guideposts for Pilgrimmage", with this sermon entitled, WHEN YOU ARE LONELY--John 14:55-22.

SERVING JUNE 23

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling

10:45 A.M. George Davis and Merle Rice

8:00 P.M. Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, G. Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, E. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, R. Johnson, B. Lehman, O. McDougle, D. Weaver, C. Hetrick, W. Koehlinger, D. Short

Deaconesses

Lois Finkhousen and Delores Overmyer

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, R. Chevalier, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 449 Mrs. Blanche Hetrick

511 Mrs. Lucy Russell

S117 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

PENTECOST OFFERING:

Our Special Outreach offering for Pentecost totaled $401 and was remitted last week. Thanks!

June 16, 1974

Dr. Harold Cline and Congregation:

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the very generous gift of money. Our lives have been enriched in so many ways in our association with First Christian Church. God bless you all and many sincere "thank yous."

In His Service,

Don and Vee

ADDITIONAL CAMP AND CONFERENCE YOUTH

Camp 7-8, Barbee, June 20-July 6

Pat Olson

Camp 5-6, Barbee, July 14-20

John Morris

Camp 11-12, Barbee, Aug. 4-10

Barbara Taylor

THE CALL IS OUT FOR ALL OUR YOUTH OF GRADES 5-12 TO TAKE ADVENTAGE OF CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES. Contact the church office or pastors for registration materials.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS is having a noon picnic meal at 1:30 P.M. this Sunday the 23rd at the home of Delmas Young, 5548 Lake.

THANKS!!

To Bill and Margaret Love for hosting Linda Pescatore, a prospective choir-director organist this past weekend.

To Rocky and Lee Baugher for hosting two persons on a special request from the Welfare Department on the weekend of the 9th.

ADDITIONAL PERSONS ELSEWHERE

Barbara Schrock assisted in the Lay Witness Mission last weekend in Fountain City.

Marlene Crouse, Melanie Baugher and Carol Cline were on the team of a Youth Encounter the weekend of June 7-9 in the Methodist Church of Moorseville.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS:

Hugh Rice, Board Chairman, is calling for congregational action on the working budget during the Worship Hours on June 30.

FINAL COMMITMENT PLAN REPORT - JUNE 17, 1974

TIME - Goal of 153,900 hours

Persons with a definite commitment	217
Persons without a definite commitment	159
Hours Committed	53,416
Percentage of Total Goal	34.7%

TALENT - Goal of 2,100 specific tasks by 700 persons

Persons with definite tasks	250
Persons without definite tasks	155
Specific tasks committed	677
Percentage of Total Goal of Tasks	32.2%

TREASURE - Goal $123,767

Households with definite commitments	213
Households without definite commitments	27
Total Money Committed	$95,567
Percentage of Total Goal	77.1%

ADDITIONAL INCOME EXPECTATIONS BEYOND SET COMMITMENTS:

1. Church School, Loose Offerings, & Income from Endowment Trust Fund	$4,200
2. 27 Commitments with No Dollar Figure but estimated from Past Giving	3,023
3. Projected Giving by 62 Households based on past performance	8,225

THUS, the total dollar anticipation is $111,015 for Budget Giving during the 1974-75 Church Year. This is a notable gain and is 89.7% of the Goal-Setting Budget. Our 1972-73 Budget Giving was $87,331 and it now looks like our current year giving will be between $90,000 and $91,000. THIS WILL BE A GAIN OF 22% OVER THIS YEAR WHICH IS AN ALL TIME HIGH FOR REGULAR BUDGET GIVING.

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THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY WORKER IN OUR COMMITMENT PLAN EFFORT!

THANKS TO EACH PERSON MAKING SERIOUS RESPONSE!

PRAISE GOD FOR THE GROWTH EXPECTED!

PRAYER: THE SOUL OF RELIGION
A Biblical Study
Doyle F. Hardy, Leader

Two assumptions are made with regard to this five week study. First, the Bible, which records man's relationships with God, and God's dealings with man, in an adequate study guide. And second, the real learning requires internalization. The hope of this study is to learn something of the meaning of prayer as it is found in the Bible, and to discover what meaning that has for us.

The procedure will be informal and will include presentation, group discussion, and participation. The study will be offered at two times, Mondays 1:30 to 3:00 P.M., June 24 thru July 22, and Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:00 P.M., June 25 thru July 23. Each group will require at least six participants and will be limited to fifteen. You can register by calling the church office 744-3239.

D.M.A. PICNIC

The welcome mat is our for the 12:00 noon picnic on Tuesday, June 25 at Franke Park. Make reservations for the August trip to the Wagon Wheel Playhouse.

ATTENTION ALL PRESENTERS:

Will you please return all Assignmant Cards with your personal notations to the church office? Will you also turn in the Information Sheet to Dr. Cline?

CHI RHO COOKOUT AND PROJECT

The Chi Rho Fellowship will have a cookout after the 10:45 A.M. Worship on Sunday, June 23. One of the purposes of the gathering is to deliever invitations to Vacation Church School and other summertime activities throughout our neighborhood. Games and fun will conclude the event. Parents should pick up youth at 3:30 P.M.

TWO CYF EVENTS

7:00 P.M., Monday, June 24---All old, new, and current C.Y.F. youth are invited to the Clines, 5705 Fernwood for a Swim and Rap.

From 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 30th, is a second Swim time for C.Y.F.er's. All entering grades 10, 11, and 12 are invited. Work will be done on the election of officers for the new year. This is also the swan song for the recent graduates.

COLLEGE AND CAREER YOUTH

A Swim is set for 7:00 and a planning meeting for summer activities at 8:00 next Tuesday, the 25th, at the Clines, 5705 Fernwood. All College and Career singles are invited on this night. The College and Career Class meets regularly during Church School in the East Parlor. The high school seniors were promoted into the group on June 9th.

ATTENTION ALL COACHES: Will you turn in your copy of COMMITMENT PLAN HANDBOOK to the office. We desire to save all copies

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00 P.M. CYF Swim and Meeting at Clines', 5705 Fernwood
6:00 P.M. Reception honoring Mrs. Edna Vaught
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 1

1:30 P.M. Prayer Study Group
7:30 P.M. Constitutional Revision Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 2

7:30 P.M. Prayer Study Group

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

ALL ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMAL RECEPTION HONORING MRS. EDNA VAUGHT

'ANTRY NEEDS

VEGETABLES

SOUPS

FRUIT JUICES

HONORING EDNA M. VAUGHT

Our congregation is expressing appreciation to Mrs. Edna M. Vaught for many years of faithful service to the church. As she retires this June 30th, it completes over 31 years as church secretary. She began on June 1, 1943. She has served as church clerk since 1928. She has been a faithful servant of the church.

In addition to the local congregation, she has served as District CWF Secretary, a member and secretary of the Indiana Regional Board, a member of regional committees, and a member of the Board of the Emily E. Flinn Home. Within our congregation she has served as CWF president for three terms including the first president; has proven a very capable church school teacher and continues now as teacher of the Come Double Class. She is also President of the Fellowship Guild and has been a continuing member of a small study group for over 15 years; and has served in many other capacities.

We will recognize her faithfulness in service during the worship at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday and will hold an informal social reception from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. for all this Sunday evening. We salute this one who has served steadily for many years!

SERVING JUNE 30

Elders

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Floyd Morrical

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and Hugh Rice

8:00 P.M. Ben Taylor

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, S. Cole, W. Bowen, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. H. Helmuth, V. Moore, R. Clifton, J. Taylor, R. Urich, T. Frappier, J. Hechler, D. Young

Deaconesses

Lois Finkhousen and Judy Aker

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson, M. Terry, R. Flickinger, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, S. Frappier, K. Place, R. Chevalier, J. Kirsch, J. Frappier

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview 449 Mrs. Blanche Hetrick
S117 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

Lutheran 694 Mrs. Audean Ashe
388 Mrs. Maud Miller
558 Mrs. Gloria Phillips
340 Mr. Ferd Burman (father of Judi Passwater)
240 Mr. Edson Dickey

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

John Nelson Bechstein, Jr., and Carolyn Ann Gardner on June 23, 1974. They are temporarily residing at 4208 Winchester before locating permanently in Huntington.

THANKS: We appreciate the diligent work of Earl Fusselman on our lawn and shrubs! Have you noticed the new flower bed just south of the building in place of the shrubs which had been burned as a prank last fall?

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. RICHARD THOMPSON, 4534 Wilmette, 06, 445-8873, identified in our covenantal fellowship in transfers of membership. Dick comes from Emmanuel Lutheran in New Haven and Susan from Calvary Presbyterian. He is employed at the Zollner Corporation and is interested in athletics. She is a social worker for the Department of Public Welfare and enjoys sewing.

MRS. ED (ROSALIE) JENKINS, 4720 Beaver, 07, 456-6652 also identified in a transfer from the First Friends Meeting in Indianapolis, Rose is in the home with Eric who will enter 4th grade, Heather who will enter 1st grade and Christopher who is 2. Ed is employed at Magnavox. Rose enjoys bridge, crocheting, reading, swimming, and many other things.

We welcome these in our common allegiance to Christ!

ELECTIONS

Merle Grimm has been elected to serve on the Board of the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion. This is our church home which we support which has 150 residents. Mrs. Mary Dilts is currently a resident there and Mrs. Opal Heller is hoping for admittance shortly.

Dr. Harold E. Cline was elected to a two year term on the Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church. This committee of 40 meets three times each year to give interim representative leadership in behalf of the General Board which meets annually and the General Assembly which meets every two years.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS SESSION

Hugh Rice has called for congregational action on the Working Budget for 1974-75 during the Worship Hours next Sunday morning. The following contrasts the Goal-Setting Budget of our Commitment Plan and the Working Budget which has been designed in response to our effort. Major deletions in the new budget are: Student Associate Pastor after July 28, several building maintainence projects, some outreach cutback, deletion of several new programs, and minimizing at all possible points. Added were the accumulated budget deficit which has run for many years, and anticipated shortages in Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving.

Our Commitment Plan has indicated firm income for the new church year as follows:

266 definite commitments of 220 households	$96,227
Church School, Loose & Endowment Earnings	4,200
Rating of 29 households with indefinite commitment	3,335
Rating of 56 housenolds on past giving	7,541
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	$111,303

OUR BUDGET FOR JULY 1,-JUNE 30, 1975

Goal-Setting Budget		Recommended Working Budget
	PASTORAL PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY	
35,139	Staff Leadership including Supply	33,303
	OFFICE MINISTRY	
19,770	Secretary, Office, & Expenses	17,374
	EDUCATION PROGRAM	
7,262	All educational ventures	5,162
	EVANGELISM AND INFOMATION SERVICES	
1,116	Publicity and Witness	716
	MEMBERSHIP	
3,280	THE DISCIPLE, membership activities	2,080
	PROVISION OF BUILDING FACILITY	
27,750	Custodial care, utilities, insurance, repairs	23,500
	STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
250	Program and Operating Deficit accumulated	2,700
	FACILITATING WORSHIP	
6,400	Music Leadership, supplies, special days	6,050
	LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE	
5,300	Associated Churches and local benevolence	5,000
	OUTREACH MINISTRY IN RELIGION, NATION, WORLD	
17,500	Missions, education, benevolence, rehabilitation	
	Regional and General Church	15,000
123,767		$110,885

CALLING C.Y.F. YOUTH

All youth entering grades 10,11, and 12 this fall are invited to the Clines this Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. The occasion is a swimming party and an organizing election for the coming church year. This is an important event and we are strongly urging all youth to be present. It also serves as a farewell for our recent high school graduates.

CHI RHO CAMP OUT

Those youth in Chi Rho this past winter are invited for the final event of the group--a Camp Our scheduled for August 6, 7, and 8 at Chain-o-Lakes State Park. Mark the calendar and share with the youth in this weekend.

CHURCH CAMPOUT

The next scheduled event among our people for all church families is July 12, 13, 14 at Salamonie State Park at Lost Bridge, West. Reservations with a $3.00 deposit need to be made ahead of time. Call Ben or Val Taylor, 447-2880, as soon as possible to learn what to do to make reservations with the group. Contact them to know of your intention of participating as soon as possible.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE

This group is anxious to receive written suggestions from Board members or any congregational member concerning its work to date or items for completion of its task. Give them to Dr. James Ruble or Dr. Cline.

$400 CAPITAL OUTREACH SUPPORT

$372.80 which was the accumulated balance in our Memorial Fund--Capital Outreach Fund plus $27.20 in special giving allowed us to send $400 to the Christian Church in Indiana. This money will be matched dollar for dollar by the Lilly Foundation in an attempt to reduce the debt on the InterChurch Center in Indianapolis. It houses seven Regional Church offices as well as the Indianapolis Federation of Churches and Indiana Council of Churches. This is a special capital gift to help in the Disciple share in the matching funds effort.

SUMMERTIME WORSHIP

When out of the community on Sunday, worship where you are. Bring a bulletin back to us with your name on it so it can be posted.

Remember that we have three different communion worship experiences each Sunday. Try to adjust your schedule to include at least one of these as many Sundays as possible. The 8:15 A.M. Worship allows you to be on the road by 9:30 A.M. The 10:45 A.M. is the usual central traditional service. The 8:00 P.M. service can be attended if you arrive back in town by that time. The Celebration Service at 8:00 P.M. is informal in dress so come as you are.

COMMITMENT PLAN COMPLETION

<u>All Presenter Teams</u> are urged to make sure that all Assignment cards are noted and returned to the church office.

<u>All leaders</u> who had Commitment Plan Handbooks are asked to return them to the church office.

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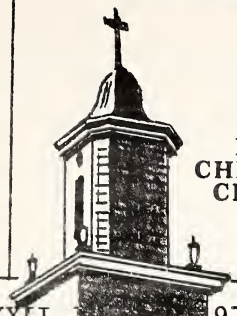

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Doyle Hardy preaching both services "KEEP ON KEEPING ON!" Philippians 3:8-16
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 8

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:30 P.M. Study Group on Prayer
7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School
7:30 P.M. Study Group on Prayer
7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

THURSDAY, JULY 11

9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School
7:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 12, 13, and 14

All Church Camp-Out at Salamonie

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK
FRUIT
PEANUT BUTTER
SUGAR

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes begin next Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:45. There are six days, July 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18. This is for all children who were age 2 as of last October 1 through sixth graders of the past spring.

"LOVE AND CARING" is the theme for the school. Vacation School gives an unusual opportunity for more concentrated learning due to longer periods of time each day. 75 children are expected for this intensive learning experience. Pre-registration forms are available from the Christian Education office. Come, and bring a carload of children from each neighborhood. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Karen Flickinger and *Nancy Wortley* are co-chairing the school.

The teaching staff includes: Nursery: *Barbara Hayes* and *JoAnn Ott* assisted by *Melanie Baugher* and *Denise Schrock;* Kindergarten: *Sandy Zimmerman* and *Rosemary Krull* assisted by *Barbara Taylor* and *Diana Wortley;* First and Second Grades: *Natalie Urich* and *Lee Baugher* assisted by *Darlene Davis;*

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SERVING JULY 7

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and William Love

10:45 A.M. William Crouse and Andrew Cook

8:00 P.M. Dean Widler

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, B. Lehman, R. Clifton, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Aker, D. Weaver, D. Short, J. Hechler, H. Stevenson, R. Cole, R. Johnson, R. Urich

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, D. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Kirsch, R. Chevalier, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph:

451 Mr. Keith Murray

CC Mrs. Winnie Ferguson

Parkview:

S117 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Jerry Zimmerman and family in the death of his grandmother, Bessie Zimmerman, last week in Akron, Ohio.

ELECTED CYF OFFICERS

President - *Schellie Schell*

Vice-President - *Chad Cline*

Secretary - *Melanie Baugher*

Treasurer - *Kenny Taylor*

IMPORTANT CALLED MEETINGS:

7:30 Tuesday, July 9 - ELDERS

7:30 Thursday, July 11 - SOUNDING BOARD COMMITTEE

HONORING MRS. EDNA M. VAUGHT

During Worship last Sunday public announcement was made concerning the "INVESTMENT IN LOVE IN HONOR OF MRS. EDNA M. VAUGHT." Gifts have been received and may still be received through July 14. A full information form is available at the church or through the church office.

This investment of at least $500 will be made so that earnings may be used every four years to assist and encourage participation of women in the CWF Quadrennial Assemblies. It is done as a continuing honor to Mrs. Vaught and especially for her leadership in CWF at the local, district, and regional level. Gifts may be sent to Mrs. Colyn Crowder, CWF Treasurer, c/o of the church. Donors will be listed both in the Farewell Scrapbook of Mrs. Vaught and in our Book of Remembrance in the Narthex.

107 persons shared in the lovely reception Sunday evening for Mrs. Vaught in the parlor. The Fellowship Guild decorated and served. Her daughter, Agnes and her son-in-law, Richard Stouffer, shared the day with her.

In addition to the Investment, Hugh Rice presented a diploma of recognition for faithfulness to Mrs. Vaught, Margaret Love presented a Scrapbook with greetings and letters and the pastor presented a terminal pay and vacation check to Mrs. Vaught.

We salute Mrs. Vaught who served as church secretary from June 1, 1943 until June 30, 1974 and as church clerk from October 1, 1928 until June 30, 1974.

ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON JUNE 18, 1974

On the basis of the response of the commitment plan, a working budget of $110,885 was approved for the new church year starting July 1. This was confirmed by congregational action on Sunday, June 30.

Upon recommendation of the Sounding Board Committee, Mrs. Nancy Wortley was hired as assistant secretary for the church office. She will do sick, vacation, or special load assistance for the regular secretary.

The Board approved the sending of $372.80 from the Capital Outreach Fund of Memorial Funds for debt retirement on the InterChurch Center in Indianapolis of which our Regional Office is a part. Added to this was $27.20 collected from several board members to make it $400 which was sent. This money will be matched with a grant from the Lily Foundation. This program underwritten by members of the InterChurch Center in conjunction with the Lily Foundation expects to reduce the debt from $265,000 to $65,000.

Resignations were received as follows: Natalie Urich as Children & Youth Choir Director; Edna Vaught as Church Clerk; Rosemary Krull as chairperson of Christian Action and Community Service Department; and Larry Barnes as elder.

Appointments confirmed by the board were Connie Wells as chairperson of Christian Action for the duration of the term; Margaret Love as chairperson of World Outreach Committee for duration of term; and Don Passwater as member of the Sounding Board Committee.

The use of our building one day a week for a "Halfway House Program" for releases of State Mental Health Institutions was approved. Supervision and leadership for this program will be provided by the Mental Health Association in coordination with the state.

An issue from the Inter-Religious Action Council of Fort Wayne was returned to the Christian Action and Community Service Department for study and concise and logical recommendation and response.

The Property Department reported the repair of the roof which is now in progress. The Sounding Board Committee reported July 28 as the terminal date now set with Doyle Hardy as he moves to Southport, Indiana, to assume the Student Pastorate of the Southwood Friends Church.

An over-lay presentation of organizational structure and small-group discussion of the work of the Constitutional Revision Committee received much attention. The committee is desirous of written suggestions or re-

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BOARD ACTION (from page three)
actions to present work. Copies are available from the church office and the latest copy is posted in the hallway opporite the office.

NEXT MEETING WAS SET FOR 7:30 P.M., JULY 16. 44 members were present.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL (from page 1)

Third and Fourth Grades: *Rose Jenkins* and *Doyle Hardy*, assisted by *Mary Chasar* and *Jaynie Jenkins*; Fifth and Sixth Graders: *Nancy Terry* and *Susan Knuckles* assisted by *Lee Urich*.

Child Care for children of the staff under VCS age will be cared for by *Terri Gardner* and *Dawn Schrock*. Assisting in the kitchen for Snack Time are *Mary Lou Hartzler*, *Ruth Plummer*, *Irene Cline*, *Val Taylor*, and *Barbara Finkhousen*.

TRIP TO WAGON WHEEL THEATER

The DMA Group will sponsor a bus trip to the Wagon Wheel Theater in Warsaw on the evening of Tuesday, August 27. The group will enjoy an "Evening With Cole Porter." THIS TRIP IS OPEN TO ANYONE, NO MATTER WHAT THE AGE. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:00 P.M. Cost of the play and the bus will be $6.00. Reservations should be made with Hugh and Gwynth Rice as soon as possible, since the number is limited to 42. Tickets must be paid for by August 1.

YOUNG ADULTS

Our College and Career Class is doing a special study this summer in the Pastor's Study utilizing the Cassette Programming of Charlie Shedd on "Love, Sex and Marriage." Bill Franklin and .Dr. Cline are co-leading this class. 10 participated last Sunday. ---->

NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS SUNDAY

Recent definite financial commitments have pushed our pledged commitments to $97,107 and our anticipated income to $111,975 for this church year. The adjusted working budget includes past deficits plus anticipated shortages as we end the Centennial and Indiana Appeal in December. Thus we are trying to free ourselves of the past and move forward in strength. We pray and trust that we will give regularly so that our giving will average above $2,150 weekly.

We will implement the goal of sending Outreach Support checks regularly. Thus, this Sunday we will include our monthly check of $250 for Associated Churches of greater Fort Wayne. Associated Churches provides for released time weekday Christian Education through the school year which is its major budget item. It also serves as the coordinating link for the Christian forces of our community.

We call attention to all givers to the Centennial and Indiana Appeal Make every attempt to complete the goals of several years back by completing all giving by December 31, 1974.

The new Singles Class continues under the leadership of Mrs. Barbara Schrock in Room 300. THE HABITATION OF DRAGONS by Keith Miller is the discussion resource being used by these singles or divorced persons in their 20's or 30's. This class has started with strength in spite of the limitations of books until this week.

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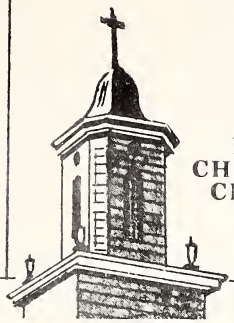

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 12, 13, & 14
All-Church Camp Out at Salamonie

SUNDAY, JULY 14
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
1:00 P.M. O.M.S. Class Picnic & Swim at Clines
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 15
1:30 P.M. Study Group on Prayer
7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 16
9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School
7:30 P.M. Study Group on Prayer
7:30 P.M. Church Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

THURSDAY, JULY 18
9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

FRIDAY, JULY 19
7:00 P.M. Brummel Group Cookout Bennys', 7710 Newlin

SATURDAY, JULY 20
5:30 P.M. Neher-Bruckman Wedding

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUPS
VEGETABLES
POWDERED MILK
CEREALS

DIALOGUE SERMONS

For these last three Sundays that Doyle Hardy is still on our staff, he will be sharing with Dr. Cline in discussing a Christian perspective to three problem areas of modern life and faith. In addition to their interaction, opportunity will be given for congregational questions and contribution.

July 14 - "AGE: WORK OF ART"
We live in a day with a greater number of retired persons. Often problems of aged demand care from children directly or indirectly. How do we face age and responsibilities related to it?

July 21 - "THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT" Evil, exorcism, the devil--the whole problem of evil and destructive forces bother persons and society. How do we understand this? How do we cope with this?

July 28 - "GOOD GRIEF"
Grief comes from any major separation--a move, a death, an amputation. Do we recognize and deal constructively to grief and its impact on life?

SERVING JULY 14

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Hugh Rice

8:00 P.M. Mark Snyder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Gumpp, G. Ludwig, S. Cole, E. Allen

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, R. Cole, D. Pomeroy, V. Moore, R. Johnson, D. Young, R. Ogles, W. Koehlinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, D. Olson,

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Kirsch, R. Chevalier, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

Homebound Communion

Ben Taylor, Don Short, Robert Johnson, Earl Plummer, Stan Cole

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran:

795 Mr. Robert Clipp

689 Mrs. Lillian Scott

632 Mr. Ferd Burman

588 Mrs. Maude Miller

Parkview:

209 Mrs. Cynthia Akers and twins

485-2513

Gayle (Roy) Dormeyer

INVITATION TO A WEDDING:

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruckman extend an invitation to the congregation to attend the wedding of Steve Bruckman and Rhonda Neher. The ceremony will be in our worship nave on Saturday, July 20, at 5:30 P.M.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Marguerite Quinn in the death of her sister in Missouri.

JUNE AVERAGES

Church Worship	295
Church School	137
Budget Giving	$1,777.43
Appeal Giving	144.48

1973-74 CHURCH YEAR AVERAGES

Church Worship	330
Church School	156
Budget Giving	$1,716.70
Appeal Giving	234.42

JUNE ADDITIONS:

Richard and Susan Thompson

Rosalie Jenkins

TO FRIENDS IN FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

My heart-felt and sincere thanks go out to you all for the many tokens of friendship expressed by your good wishes and lovely cards; by the most generous check--the plaque "diploma"; the beautiful scrap book and the lovely orchid; and other lovely gifts.

My most grateful thanks to all who had a part in making Sunday, June 30, 1974 such a memorable day.

God walk with you all, always.

Edna Vaught

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEDDING

Charles Speicher and *Doris Haynes* were married on June 1, 1974 in Buena Park, California, by Dr. Cerbin. They are residing at 7555 Decatur Road, Lot 17.

O.M.S. CLASS PICNIC

Class members and families are invited for a picnic and Swim at the Clines on Sunday, July 14 at 1:00 P.M. Fried chicken is being purchased for all and other food items are to be brought. Join in swim and fun this Sunday afternoon.

SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Several of our youth have participated, some are participating this week, and others are yet to go. There is still time to register for some of the last weeks. Join the gang for an experience--"Where God and a good time go together."

International Affairs Seminar in New York and Washington - June 8-15 - Val Williams

Southern Indiana Bike Hike - June 8 -15 - Chad Cline

Camp 7-8 at Barbee, June 30-July 6- Marty Cole, Steve Grimm, Greg Heiney, Pat Olson and Mark Rayl

Camp 5-6 at Barbee, July 8-13 - Lorinda Ruble, Diana Schrock

Camp 5-6 at Barbee, July 15-20 - John Morris and Staff: Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Jim and Barb Taylor

Camp 7-8 at Barbee, July 22-27 - Carol Cline, Anita Fountain, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Brenna Ruble, Denise Schrock

Camp 11-12 at Barbee, August 5-10- Debbie Nordblom, Schellie Schell, Barb Taylor, Lee Urich, Val Williams and Staff: Connie Wells

Camp 9-10 at Barbee, August 12-17 - Melanie Baugher, Terri Gardner, Jeff Heiney, Dawn Schrock, Diana Wortley and Staff: Harold and Ruby Cline and Nancy Wortley.

COME DOUBLE CLASS PICNIC

This class picnic will be held in The Recreation Hall in Crown Colony on Sunday, July 28th. Games and stuff from 1:00 to 5:00 with the meal at 5:00. Bring a covered dish and salad or dessert.

"FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE" MUSICAL COMING TO US

A group of college youth of Fort Wayne will be presenting this musical by Helen Kromer on Saturday and Sunday evenings, July 27 and July 28 in our Fellowship Hall.

"FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!" was written for a North American ecumenical youth assembly in which 2,000 youth met to discover what God was calling them to be and to do within the North American setting. It uses the artist's expression to characterize how things are in the world and in the church and the encounter of the gospel with it.

Jerry Zehr from Ball State and member of Maplewood Mennonite is directing. Gene Rhoades of Maplewood Mennonite is Adult Counselor.

Cast members include Julie King-Goshen College, First Mennonite Church; Linda Erwin-St. Joseph College, Roman Catholic; Mike Erwin-IUPU-FW, Roman Catholic; Doreen Erwin, Lutheran; Alan Getzin, Purdue, Unitarian; Mark Balay-Ball State, First Wayne Street Methodist; Ed Mollenkamp, Christian Reformed; Roger Annis, First Presbyterian; Dowena Barr-Purdue, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren; and Marilyn Johnson, Evansville College, Methodist.

These performances are open to our people and any outside guests and visitors. There will be a free will offering. This group will be producing this in three other community locations during July and August.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL CONTINUES JULY 16, 17, and 18

GREETINGS IN THE BOND OF CHRIST!

Summer is very much upon us! Sun--Swimming--heat--humidity. Yet, praise God, life is rich and unfolding when lived with Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS! This issue of TIDINGS is going to several new families and residents in Fort Wayne. We welcome you as you visit our church. We pray and are working that you will find relationship and growth in Jesus Christ in fellowship with us.

GREETINGS TO VACATIONERS ABSENT FROM OUR WORSHIP! Wherever you find yourself on Sunday morning, find a congregation and join in worship. Bring a bulletin back with your name on it for posting in our hallway bulletin board. Observe and reflect upon your experience of God and worship. This past Sunday, I shared in two different morning worship services. The vast differences gave much much to ponder. I sensed so much of God both in my preferences and dislikes. It was different from my ordinary. Whenever you can attend any of our three Sunday worship hours, do come here at First Christian.

I think that all of you are aware that we are undergoing much change in our church staff. Thus we are confronted at once with change in office, music, custodial care, and student associate. Please be patient as we try to work out each responsibility with the best judgment that can be made. The Sounding Board Committee will be making some recommendations to the church board meeting on July 16.

Our June giving was up so we were able to remit $1,500 more of our Appeal Giving for the Regional and National capital outreach needs. Anticipations of completing our Appeal giving in the next six months should cause us to complete this special giving which is enabling our regional program to start moving after the over-spending of the 60's.

WOW! Our budget and appeal giving totaled $2,671.77 this past Sunday as we started a new church year. Let's give as God has prospered us! We can run consistently ahead of our budget needs this year. Likewise, we will be remitting outreach support as regularly as each of us gives within our congregational life.

SEE YOU SUNDAY! SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH ANOTHER PERSON. BRING A QUEST!

Harold E. Cline

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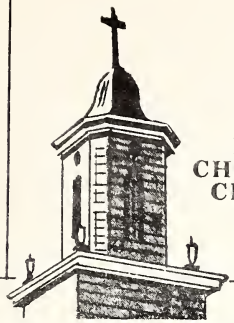

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
1:00 P.M. Singles Class Cookout at Barbara Schrock's
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JULY 22

10:00 A.M. Study Group at Miriam Bixenman's
1:30 P.M. Study Group on Prayer

TUESDAY, JULY 23

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Covered Dish Luncheon and Program
7:30 P.M. Study Group on Prayer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

9:00 A.M. Adventure Day for 3rd and 4th Grade
2:00 P.M. Family Movie
7:00 P.M. Family Movie

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUPS
CANNED MEAT
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED VEGETABLES

GREETINGS IN JESUS CHRIST!

The Jesus of history, the Christ who died and was raised for us, and the living Christ in one another is our common bond. May we center our lives daily in him! May we exalt him in corporate worship weekly! May we allow his Lordship and love to shine through!

We are taking advantage of the opportunity which is ours in these final two weeks that Doyle Hardy is on our staff. He is sharing with me in Dialogues during our Sunday morning worship hours. We are concerned that our interaction also reach out as it began to do at the 10:45 hour last Sunday. Share in these concerns which I think are quite common among us:

Next Sunday: "THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT"
July 28: "GOOD GRIEF"

Following worship on the 28th will be a special reception to honor Doyle and April Hardy as they move from us to greater Indianapolis, close to the Seminary.

One consuming task in the life of our congregation is the current process of revision of constitution and by-laws. A special committee was

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SERVING JULY 21

Elders

8:15 A.M. Floyd Morrical and Earl Plummer

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and Rolland Ripple

8:00 P.M. Merle Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, J. Sauerwein, T. Ogles, H. Helmuth

10:45 A.M. C. Hetrick, A. Huddleston, W. Bowen, J. Taylor

Deaconesses

Dorothy Merriman and Amelia Dare

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, D. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Kirsch, R. Chevlier, T. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran;

795 Mr. Robert Clipp

632 Mr. Ferd Burman

St. Joseph:

519 Mr. Kenneth Timmons

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Amelia Dare in the death of her sister-in-law.

THANKS

"Thank you to Dr. Cline and Doyle Hardy for calls and for all the cards and prayers during my hospital stay."

Blanche Hetrick

SALE OF APARTMENT ITEMS:

Mrs. Jessie Vermor of our congregation would like to sell some items at her residence, 1109½ Lake.

SINGLES CLASS COOKOUT

This new group which meets in room 300 each Sunday will have a cookout at the home of Barbara Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood, at 1:00 P.M. next Sunday, July 21. This is open to any interested singles in 20's or 30's.

D.M.A. LUNCHEON MEETING

The DMA (don't mention age) Group will meet on Tuesday, July 23, at 12:00 noon, for a put-luck luncheon. Bring a covered dish and your own table service. Mrs. Edna Vaught will show her slides of western United States, plus several slides from the World Convention she attended in Edinburg, Scotland. Persons planning to attend the "Evening with Cole Porter" in Warsaw for the August meeting are reminded to make reservations with Hugh Rice at this meeting if you have not already done so.

THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all my First Christian friends and especially my pastors, Dr. Cline and Pastor Doyle Hardy, who so kindly visited me and gave me much encouragement and moral support and especially it gave me a chance to get acquainted with Pastor Doyle on a more person-to-person level.

My thanks to the CWF of First Christian and all the 'personal' best wishes and prayers of all my friends.

Thank you and God bless you.

H. Audean Ashe

ANOTHER YOUTH MUSICAL

Last week, we announced the performance of "FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE" at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday, July 27 & 28. Now we have another date to add: 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 18. On the 18th, a cast of 50 youth from First Baptist and South Wayne Baptist will present "SHOW ME! JESUS."

This musical by these youth of nearby churches has been presented several times. The presentation in our Nave on the 18th will be the final one for this cast because of some leaving for college. Thus, some parents and friends from these two churches will join us for this finale performance.

"'SHOW ME!' is trying to say that perhaps some of us in the church have been trying to sell salvation as a package deal: faith in Jesus, plus a two-button suit, a haircut and clean socks. It isn't working. But love works. Love, communicated face to face, heart to heart, soul to soul. God is love--undiscriminating and all-encompassing. He offers it to everyone just as he is: clean, dirty, rich, poor, straight, or spaced-out. This love can be manifested only through his own people: real "Jesus people" who will yield themselves to the Holy Spirit and let His love flow! Then even the most alienated will respond, as men have always responded to the person of Jesus Christ."

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS:

This Sunday $125 will be mailed to Week of Compassion and $125 for Reconciliation. This will be the third week in a row in our new plan of mailing outreach support weekly. Notice the World Relief of which we are a part.

--TORNADOS: Disciples response generous! Four damaged churches assisted, funds sent to Church World Service for individual needs.

--FLOODS IN LATIN AMERICA: 100,000 persons in makeshift camps in Brazil, 80,000 homeless in Argentina; 400 missing, 60 known dead in Peru (landslides after flood), 10,000 people affected. Medical supplies, water purifiers, bales of blankets and clothing, sheets of roofing and tents provided through Church World Service.

--DROUGHT: Famine spread to Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania. Extensive loss of cattle and work animals. CWS sent 26 water trailers (300 gal. capacity) --12 for water drilling teams and 14 for deployment in areas with water problems. Medical teams, water development, date-palm treatment, food distribution continues in Niger and other Sahelian countries.

SECOND FAMILY MOVIE

The second family movie of the summer, "Hey, There, It's Yogi Bear" will be shown in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, July 24. The first showing will be at 2:00 P.M. the second at 7:00 P.M. Donation is 25¢ for children under 12 and 50¢ for adults.

GREETINGS (continued from page 1)

appointed and has met every other week since January. Jim Ruble chairs this group which includes: Bill Love, Robert Ogles, Hugh Rice, Mildred Hartman, Janet Weicker, Sara Davis, and myself. They are hopeful that all basic work will be completed as they meet on July 29 and August 19.

Reports have regularly gone to the church board for reaction and suggestion since February. Our congregational meeting in May also reported on work to date. These interchanges have caused much reworking and clarification. The work of this committee is open for suggestion and evaluation by any member of our church. A copy of the latest work is posted on the board opposite the office. Copies are also available in the office from the secretary.

Since work is moving towards completion, the committee is most desirous to receive written evaluations and suggestions. The completed work is expected for board consideration in September, for board action in October, and for congregational action in November.

Some might wonder why such work. An attempt is being made to respond to current laws; to clarify and simplify responsibilities, authority, and practices; to develop an open, effecient and satisfying organizational pattern; and to facilitate the church's response to Christ and our witness to the world.

I rejoice in the prospects before us!

Harold E. Cline

3rd AND 4th GRADE ADVENTURE DAY

The third and fourth grades will have their annual adventure day on Wednesday, July 24. The group is asked to meet on the Church Parking Lot at 9:00 A.M. that day, bringing a sack lunch (drink will be furnished.) We will go to visit Hyerly's Bakery in Ossian to learn how our bread is baked. Following this, we will go to McMillan Park for a picnic and then return to the church to see the movie. Bring 25¢ for admission to the movie, and any money you may wish to spend for candy at the movie.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Our annual summer vacation school ends today. Last week we had 75 children enrolled including 21 families who are new to our membership or known friends. We salute the corps of teachers and workers in this concentrated learning experience for children. A full report will be included in the next issue of THE TIDINGS.

CHURCH CAMPOUT

Fellowship was shared in the hot sun this past weekend as a total of 46 persons were involved at Salamonie State Park. They shared worship along with eating and swimming and other activities in the out-of-doors.

Participating were: the Ben Taylor family, Ron Aker family, Robert Urich family, Noll family, Tom Knuckles family, Russel Wortley family Schellie Schell, Melanie Baugher, Miriam Bixenman, Peg & Becky Buskirk & guest, Debbie & Edna Nordblom, Lois & Barbara Finkhousen, Pat Fountain & children. The Ralph Churches and Rocky Baughers were present on Saturday.

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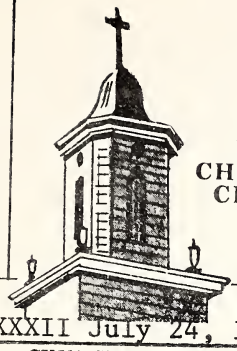

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 27

8:00 P.M. "For Heaven's Sake" in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
11:45 A.M. Reception honoring the Hardys
3:00 P.M. Come Double Class Picnic, Crown Colony Recreation Hall. Meal at 5:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M. "For Heaven's Sake" in Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JULY 29

7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 P.M. Sounding Board Committee

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK
CANNED VEGETABLES
BABY FOOD
SOUPS

HARDY FAREWELL

A special reception honoring Doyle and April Hardy who have been with us for just a year will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following our worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday. All are invited to share in this recognition and farewell. He completes his service with us on the 28th as he shares in the Dialogue Sermon, "GOOD GRIEF"and in other worship leadership roles.

"FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE" - MUSICAL

Our church is the site for this musical drama presented by college youth this weekend. Performances are at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Come, bring friends and neighbors for this unique opportunity to hear the Christian message.

"The Christian Masque" is the name being used by the new group giving this musical revue. "For Heaven's Sake", a theme dealing with society and the Christian life. The Christian Masque is a cast of 12 local college students including Mark Balay, Donna Burr, Julie King, Marilyn Johnston, Ed Moelenkamp, Linda Erwin, Robert Annis, Alan Getzing, Jerry Zehr, Doreen Erwin, Mike

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SERVING JULY 28

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and Rufus Quinn

10:45 A.M. David Griggs and Fred Smell

8:00 P.M. Ben Taylor

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, R. Clifton, G. Ludwig, R. Urich

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, D. Allen, H. Helmuth, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Amelia Dare and Dorothy Merriman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, L. Chasar, G. Hunt, M. Olson, D. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Kirsch, R. Chevalier, R. Weirick, M. Finkhousen

Homebound Communion

William Franklin and Jim Taylor
Don Passwater and Doug Allen
Dean Widler and Delmas Young

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran: 795 Mr. Robert Clipp
762 Mr. Charles King
632 Mr. Ferd Burman
390 Mrs. DeAnn Crist
M-104 Mr. Russell Myers
661 Mrs. Mary Higgins

St. Joseph: 205 Mrs. Mary Smith

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Mr. Edson Dickey, who had been a member here from 1933 to 1973, on June 27, 1974. John Hechler is his brother-in-law. Sympathy is extended to the family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Joseph L. Wiley in the death of his grandfather.

COME DOUBLE CLASS PICNIC JULY 28, CROWN COLONY RECREATION HALL. BRING COVERED DISH & SALAD OR DESSERT.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

DAVID PENCE, 1122 W. Packard, 07, 456-8483 identified with us in a membership transfer from West Creighton Christian on Sunday. He is employed with Jackson Reconstruction Company. His wife, Darla or better known as "Jean" is in the home with a young daughter, Renee Sue. We welcome this family.

ACCEPTED TO FLINN HOME

Mrs. Opal Heller has received word of acceptance room in the Flinn Home at Marion. She is scheduled to go on August 7. This will give us two members of the Flinn family which we help support through our Outreach giving.

WEDDING IN CHURCH

Steven Bruckman and Rhonda Nehrer on July 20, 1974. They are residing at 4711-A Northcrest Dr. 25, 483-0816.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

Sounding Board Committee - 7:30 P.M., Thursday, August 1.

Church Cabinet - 7:30 P.M., Thursday, August 22.

MUSICAL (from page one)

Erwin, and Elaine Dussel. They are directed by Jerry Zehr, who is a student at Ball State.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL: Our Vacation School ended with 4 enrolled in the Baby Nursery; 21 in 2's and 3's; 22 in Kindergarten; 15 in Grades 1 & 2; 9 in Grades 3 & 4; and 4 enrolled in Grades 5 & 6. There were 30 workers.

The children brought over 100 Pantry items and collected $9.26 for Migrant Ministry in Allen County.

Thanks to everyone who participated

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD - JULY 18, 1974

A recommendation from the Sounding Committee on Custodian and Music Personnel was approved. On the custodial staff, Arthur Mowery was continue on in a full-time position until August 1 when his hours will be limited to Social Security policies. James Taylor has been added on an hourly basis for the duration of the summer and for an estimated 20 hours per week during his college year.

A long term goal for a minister of music trained in both music and theology was approved. Our staff for present includes: Organist - Jerry Zimmerman; Susan Jones - Assistant Organist and Children's Choir Director--both as of July 1; and Sara Davis as Director of Music responsible for Chancel Choir, special music, and song leading as of September 1. The Youth and Bell Choir leadership remains vacant at this time. All personnel will be reviewed annually.

Two resignations were received with regret: Herb Banet as treasurer of Memorial and Special Gifts funds because of two regular jobs and Don Passwater as chairman of worship and member of the Sounding Committee because of his impending move to Shelbyville.

Official action was taken by the board to accept THE INVESTMENT IN LOVE IN HONOR OF MRS. EDNA M. VAUGHT as a standing special fund to be handled by the Memorial and Special Gifts accounts. It also voted to insure a minimum of $700 investment for these fellowship grants for CWF Quadrennials.

$25 was voted along with sponsorship for PROJECT EDUCATION which is scheduled in our community this fall in six successive Tuesday evenings, beginning October 1. This is an in depth study of race and education with guest leaders and small group discussion for growth. This was moved by the Christian Action and Community Service Department.

The Board set its four meetings for September through December on the second Sunday afternoon of each month at 2:30 P.M.

The treasurer's report indicated a deficit at the end of June of $1,407.12 which was almost $1,100 less than anticipated. Strong giving in June gave this lift. It is anticipated that the strong giving of the two first weeks of July will continue as we become current in responsibilities and freed from accumulated and continuing deficits.

The Memorial and Special Gifts Funds report for June 30 indicated the following balances:

Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund	
Principal which is invested	$29,738.28
Income on hand for usage	3,822.68
Endowment Memorial Trust Fund	7,113.98
Building and Equipment Fund	838.49
Outreach Fund	1.25
	41,514.58 of which

$36,852.26 are permanent funds.

Present were 13 elders, 5 deacons, 3 deaconesses, and 10 other members and guests.

A SWAN SONG

In the years time I feel like we have shared part of ourselves with each other. Because we have encountered each other our lives will never again be exactly the same. We have given part of ourselves to each other and that will always be part of what we are.

Though I am leaving Fort Wayne there is a sense that I will always be here, because I leave behind part of my self. There is also a sense that the Fort Wayne experience will always be part of my life. We will never be quite the same for having known each other.

It is difficult to evaluate any sort of lived experience, but a few things are obvious and can be said. It is obvious to any one who has moved that moving is not a pleasant experience and that any decision to move is not easily made.

The dilemna here has been that we have made some good friendships and have received a great deal of support and encouragement. But none the less we have had a difficult year. April and I have both faced many new experiences. This is the farthest we have lived from our families (about 2,000 miles). It has been very difficult for us to be separated for almost four days of every week while I attended seminary in Indianapolis. Seminary itself has brought with it a degree of stress and pressure. Added to this has been the task of establishing new relationships and becoming acquainted in a new community.

Even with the difficulty of the year there have been rewards. I have been very much impressed by the way this congregation supports the professional ministry. Along with that I have been impressed with the support I have received as a ministerial student. It is rewarding to work with a group of people who assume partner relationship for educating the professional ministry.

Beyond the support of my role, I have been able to feel a support for me - as a person. Even though many of you have expressed regret that we are leaving almost always there has been support for our decision with words that convey understanding.

Fort Wayne will always be a special place in our hearts for many reasons. We will always remember the sharing we have done together (including the waiting we have done for our first child).

We have blessed each other.

Sincerely,

Doyle F. Hardy

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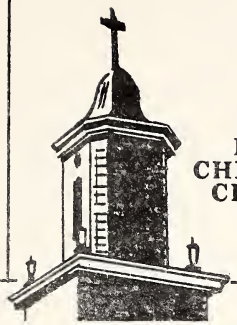

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 7, & 8

Chi Rho Camp Out - Meet at the church on Tuesday, at 3:30 P.M.

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

Repeat performances of the excellent production shared in our building last weekend to 210 persons will be this weekend at Aldersgate Methodist Church on Getz Road at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday evenings, August 3 & 4.

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED VEGETABLES

"THE LIGHT IN THE STEEPLE"

This title is both the sermon title by Dr. Cline this Sunday and the title of a preparation paper concerning Religion and the American Revolution published by the Ecumenical Task Force on the Religious Observance of the Nation's Bicentennial. Copies of this 20 page paper will be made available to all at worship Sunday and will be available at the church afterward as long as our supply last.

Our current days in American life are soul-searching days to find light and hope on one hand and to sense the well-springs of enduring national life on the other. We need the broad perspective which includes the religious one as we make decisions and actions day by day.

Let us seek the light of God for the living of these days both as responsible citizens and as children born afresh in Jesus Christ! May we open our eyes to see and to do the unfinished work of the American Revolution!

SERVING AUGUST 4

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and William Love

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and George Davis

8:00 P.M. Don Passwater

Deacons

8:15 A.M. G. Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, W. Gumpp, R. Ogles

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, H. Stevenson, D. Short, R. Aker, D. Young, T. Frappier

Deaconesses

Peggy Buskirk and Betty Grimm

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Flickinger, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, K. Place

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran

865 Mrs. Shirley Skelton
795 Mr. Robert Clipp
762 Mr. Charles King
632 Mr. Ferd Burman
M116 Mrs. Deann Crist
M104 Mr. Russel Myers

Mr. D. Wayne Penney and Mr. Vincent Wells were released on 7/29

Parkview

416 Mrs. Blanche Hetrick

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Mr. Sylvester Coleman, the father of Lawrence Coleman of our congregation on July 30, 1974. Sympathy is extended to the family.

ADDITIONAL CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Bill Urich will be in Camp 11 & 12 at Barbee, August 5-10.

MIRIAM BIXENMAN TO MEXICO

Mrs. Bixenman, our Minister of Education, is participating in the World Convention of the Churches of Christ (Disciples) in Mexico City from July 30 through August 4. This assembly meets every five years for inspiration and fellowship and represents different groupings of our movement as well as brethren from around the world.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of David Hogg given by Mildred Hogg, a gift to improve the outdoor lighting of our building at night.

In Memory of Walter Keebortz, given by Delores Keebortz, a gift to complete the public address system, namely, tape deck, record changer, and cabinet.

DEAR FRIENDS:

We want to say thank you for the love you have given to us during the past year. Thank you also for the lovely farewell reception which gave us a chance to personally say goodby to many of you. You will be always in our thoughts and prayers.

With love,
Doyle & April Hardy

CHI RHO CAMP OUT

The annual Chi Rho Campout for those in grades 7, 8, & 9 this past year will be August 6, 7, & 8 at the Chain-O-Lakes State Park. The group will leave the church at 3:30 P.M. on the 6th and return by 2:30 P.M. on the 8th. All Chi Rho members will be contacted by telephone regarding further details.

YEAR BOOK REPORT OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Each June 30th, we submit a report which becomes a part of the YEAR BOOK OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ). The following gives a three year comparison:

	1974	1973	1972
MEMBERSHIP			
Participating	605	617	602
Non-Participating	305	343	632
PARTICIPATION			
From non-participating to participating	35	36	--
From participating to non-participating	46	20	--
ADDITIONS			
By confession & baptism	11	16	14
By transfer	20	40	39
REMOVED			
By death	13	15	11
By transfer	21	45	62
By request	47	86	--
By Board action	--	222	--
TOTAL	81	368	73
CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	381	374	305
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	130	128	121
AVERAGES:			
Worship	330	345	316
Church School	156	160	147
Budget Giving	$1716.70	$1679.45	$1555.48*
Appeal Giving	234.41	356.86	392.71
Total Church & Auxilaries	$2396.64	$2285.89	$2073.07
MISCELLANEOUS			
Per Capita total Giving	$209.95	192.20	179.07
Per Capita Outreach support	39.26	40.89	64.64
Percentage for Outreach	18.7	21.3	36.0
Value of Church Property	$650,000	$650,000	$550,000
Church Debt	$6,704	$13,465	$22,943
Permanent Funds-June 30	$36,852	$36,465	$22,943
Increase of Permanent Funds	$387	$332	$

*The record of Budget giving in this year also included Transitory Income and thus was not only Budget income.

GREETINGS IN OUR COMMON BOND IN JESUS CHRIST!

Last week was an outstanding one for Ruby and me! We left on Sunday evening for a quiet week together in a cottage. Rest, reading, relaxing, and talking made it a wonderful experience of renewal and re-creation. It was unique for us since Sally was in Germany visiting Claudia, Chad was bicycling with Roving Adventures to the Smokies, and Cárol was in camp at Barbee. Thanks for this week of vacation even though no Sundays were taken!

One of the things which comes out of this experience was some feeding through reading. Many sermon thoughts and ideas came to me. Yet, I want to hold them until I have a chance to distill them through me and the reality of daily life. I do not simply want to replay to you what meant so much to me through reading and playing cassette tapes. I am concerned that our worship experiences--the central corporate experiences of the church be very much a total community time. The Worship committee this past spring indicated their desire for greater lay participation in Sunday worship.

In addition to participation I am concerned for meaning and fulfillment. On the 21st, I rejoiced when a woman went out and said that we had sung her favorite two hymns. She said, "Wow, and to think they were both in one service." I am concerned that we rejoice together before God and say many times, "Wow! This expresses my life and the way I feel!"

Thus, I am asking you to open a door for contributing to worship. Available this Sunday in the bulletins and available for several weeks will be an "Input Form for Worship". Included for desired responses will be:

1. *Five hymns or songs which I enjoy singing in worship*
2. *One hymn or song which I would like the congregation to learn.*
3. *Persistent life questions or needs which I would like dealt with in sermons.*
4. *Suggestions for a more satisfying and meaningful corporate worship*
5. *Personal Note or or request of the pastor.*

These may be placed in the offering plate, handed to me, left in my box outside the office, or mailed to the church.

Rejoice with me in the tremendous sense of rest and renewal enjoyed last week. May we carry this spirit as we share together what we are sensing God is wanting us to say and do in the weeks ahead.

See you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

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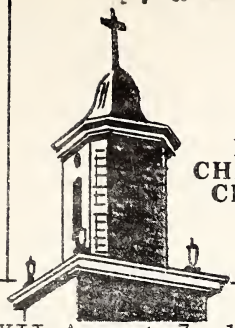

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1974

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 and 17

8:30 P.M. Performance of FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1974

8:00 P.M. A performance of SHOW ME! JESUS by a cast of 57 from First Baptist and South Wayne Baptist Churches. Bring friends, don't miss it!

PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT
POWDERED MILK
SOUPS
CEREALS

SERMONS FROM JAMES

The general letter in the New Testament, commonly called, "The Letter of James" will be the source for sermons through the rest of August.

August 11: "STRUGGLING WITH TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS."
James 1:1-18; 5:7-11

August 18: "PRACTICING CHRISTIAN CONSISTENCY"
James 1:9-5:6

August 25: "PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER" James 5:13-20

Read this New Testament book which has practical insights. Key verses include: "The man who trusts God, but with inward reservations, is like a wave of the sea, carried forward by the wind one moment and driven back the next. That sort of man cannot hope to receive anything from God, and the life of a man of divided loyalty will reveal instability at every turn." (1:6b-8 Phillips). "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (1:22) "So faith, by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (2:17) "Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works

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SERVING AUGUST 11, 1974

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. William Crouse and Andrew Cook

8:00 P.M. Hugh Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. G. Ludwig, J. Sauerwein, W. Gumpp, R. Ogles

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, H. Stevenson, D. Short, R. Aker, D. Young, T. Frappier

Deaconesses

Peggy Buskirk and Karen Flickinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Flickinger, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, K. Place

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran:

865 - Mrs. Shirley Skelton
764 - Mr. Ed Bressler
762 - Mr. Charles King
632 - Mr. Ferd Burman

Parkview:

Mrs. Marge Lehman entered on Monday for surgery Tuesday

St. Joseph:

807 - Mrs. Debra Weirick

TO FLINN HOME IN MARION:

Mrs. Opal Heller

TO TURTLE GREEK CONVALESCENT CENTER - North

Mr. Robert Clipp

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS!

To Jim & Judy (Morris) Kelly, a son, James Eugene, on July 24, 1974. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Dorothy Morris.

PASTOR TO ST. LOUIS AND BARBEE

Dr. Cline has shared this week on Wednesday and Thursday in informal conversations and sharing concerning the Holy Spirit. It is a small exploratory meeting called by the Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church. On Sunday afternoon he leaves for Barbee Christian Camp where he is directing Conference for Ninth and Tenth Graders. Ruby Cline and Nancy Wortley are counselors on this staff.

Although involved in the larger church, he is on call for emergency situations through the Church office or his home. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will be here in these periods.

ADDITIONAL CAMP AND CONFERENCE:

Jim Taylor and *Scott Rayl* are participating in the Region sponsored Back Pack in the Smokies from August 11-17. This makes a total of 29 Youth and 8 counselors who have or are participating in our Regionally sponsored camp and conference program this summer.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Maude Miller on August 6, 1974. She has been a member since 1944. Sympathy is extended to the family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Dorothy Morris and family in the death of her mother in Ohio.

SHOW ME! JESUS

This Musical will be shared with us in our Worship Nave on Sunday evening ugust 18th, at 8:00 P.M. 57 youth of First Baptist and South Wayne Baptist hurches comprise the cast accompanied by Mrs. Al Wilcox on the piano, Bart uechner and Jerry Murphy on guitars and Steve Hinds on drums. Robert Tay-or, Minister of Education and Music at South Wayne is directing this mus-cal written by Jimmy and Carol Owens.

We rejoiced on the 28th with the 130 participants on Sunday evening to ee FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE. We are hopeful that we can fill our Worship Nave for his musical. In addition to us and our guests, it is expected that some rom the churches will come for this which is expected to be the final per-ormance of this musical. Circle your calendar! Come and bring friends ith you for this witness to faith.

The musical is dealing with the basic witness to Christ and his love in n honest and open way. It undercuts some of the trivia which is of-en evident in the institutional church. There is the challenge of the per-on, Jesus Christ, to yieldness to the Holy Spirit, and to let the love flow.

MUSICAL SHOW ME! JESUS

BY LARGE CAST FROM BAPTIST CHURCHES

8:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

IN WORSHIP NAVE OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

.M.A. SPONSORED TRIP

Hugh and Gwynth Rice reported nday that they have 46 confirm- reservations for the Wagon eel Playhouse performance of n Evening With Cole Porter" on gust 27th. Our chartered bus 11 leave at 7:00 P.M. Three e on a stand-by list in case of y cancellations--this is all at remains now. It has been ndled on a "first come" basis announced in June. We rejoice this planned excursion and the sponse to it.

FAMILY MOVIES

The final summer movie for families is scheduled at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 21 in Fellowship Hall This is open for any desiring good, clean entertainment. The Grade 5-6 Adventure Day precedes the daytime showing.

JULY AVERAGES:

Worship	288
Church School	133
Budget Giving	$1,906.02
Appeal Giving	127.30

NEW MEMBER: David Pence

SERMONS (from page one)
will show you my faith." (2:18) "If you really fulfill the royal law, according to scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you do well." (2:8)

THANKS FOR BUILDING HELP

Earl Fusselman, Hugh Rice, Rolland Ripple, and Harold Crowder worked by ladders and cleaned all of our gutters which had been filled.

NOTICE THE SPARKLING FLOORS:

Jim Taylor assisted by Art Mowery has stripped and waxed the most of our tile floors these past few weeks. Let's help keep the building looking in clean and bright appearance.

"THE LIGHT IN THE STEEPLE"

This twenty-page paper concerning "Religion and the American Revolution" is available for pick up at the church in the Narthex or hall window ledges. Copies were distributed during worship last Sunday. The paper is an important backdrop for Christians to read as we nationally face celebration of our Bicentennial in 1976. It is informative on our history. It challenges to a meaningful Christian witness. It is suggestive for action.

"INPUT FOR WORSHIP"

Some listed suggested hymn and song preferences last Sunday. Some took the forms home to fill out and return. Others did nothing. It is our hope that everyone will write their comments on these forms as outlined last week. They are available at the church.

QUOTATIONS FROM SERMON OF AUGUST 4

"What do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American war? The Revolution was effected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments of their duties and obligations...

This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people was the real American revolution."

John Adams - 1818

"Power resides always in the body of the people, and it never was nor can be delegated to one man or a few, the great creater having never given to men a right to vest others with authority over them, unlimited either in duration or degree."

General Court of Massachussetts
to King George III in 1776

"As Christians we are not committed to things as they are, but to things as in the sight of God the way they ought to be."

Federal Council of Churches
1940's

"Unless we are ruled by God, we will be ruled by tyrants."

William Penn

Questions for Christian citizens in a Christian community:

1. Who Are We?
2. Where Are We Going?
3. What's happening to my brother?
4. What is our God?

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "PRACTICING CHRISTIAN CONSISTENCY" James 1:9-5:6
8:00 P.M. "Show Me! Jesus" to be presented in Worship Nave

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 P.M. Constitution Revision Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

9:30 A.M. Grades 5-6 Adventure Day
2:00 P.M. Family Movie
7:00 P.M. Family Movie

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30 P.M. Church Cabinet

PANTRY NEEDS:

SOUPS
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED MEAT

SHOW ME! JESUS

Our Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. this Sunday evening gives way to this special experience in our Worship Nave. 57 youth singers plus 9 youth and adults leaders and helpers from First Baptist Church and South Wayne Baptist Church are presenting this musical drama. Come and bring friends and visitors! This is a good time for youth and younger adults to sense the vitality of the Christian faith through musical expression. Several performances have been given before and some of the cast are leaving next Monday to begin college. We look for some from the two Baptist churches to join us for this occasion.

"SHOW ME" is written by Jimmy and Carol Owens. It tells the story of Joey and his friends who are empty. Joey's cry for help leads to confrontation between the proponents to two opposing life-styles, and in the pitched battle that follows, everyone concerned gets a few jabs in his hypocrisy. Only when the walls of prejudice and misunderstanding fall and love appears does Joey begin to find

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SERVING AUGUST 18

Elders

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Hugh Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, S. Cole, E. Allen, F. Richardson

10:45 A.M. A. Huddleston, W. Bowen, B. Lehman, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Peggy Buskirk and Delores Keebortz

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Flickinger, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, K. Place

Homebound Communion

Dean Widler, Russell Wortley
George Davis, Ron Aker

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 865 Mrs. Shirley Skelton
764 Mr. Ed Bressler

Parkview: 231 Mrs. Marge Lehman

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Doyle and April Hardy, a son, Jon Dietrich, on August 7, 1974 at 1:12 A.M., weight-7 lbs., 13 ozs.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER BY PASTOR

Mrs. Hallie Gilliland, a member since 1918, on August 13, 1974. Sympathy is extended to husband and family.

ATTENTION CHURCH CABINET

Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 22. If any functional chairman cannot attend send vice-chairman or other representative.

SHOW ME! JESUS (from page one)

his answers.

Come and share in this witness t a living Jesus who works through th Holy Spirit and the ultimate gift c love!

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

This committee chaired by Dr James Ruble hopes to put final tou ches on its completed work in reac iness for Board consideration c September 8. This meeting of com mittee will be at 7:30 P.M. on Mor day, August 19.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Our congregation has had it largest participation in the Regior ally sponsored summer program i recent years.

Nine directors or counselors wer furnished in the person of *Miria Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Jim and Bar Taylor, Debbie Nordblom, Conni Wells, Nancy Wortley, Harold an Ruby Cline.*

The 29 youth participants includ ed:

Camp 5 & 6: *John Morris, Lorind Ruble, Diana Schrock*

Camp 7 & 8: *Carol Cline, Mart Cole, Anita Fountain, Steve Grimm Greg Heiney, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee Pat Olson, Mark Rayl, Brenna Ruble Denise Schrock*

Camp 9 & 10: *Melanie Baugher, Terri Gardner, Jeff Heiney, Dawn Schrock, Diana Wortley*

Camp 11 & 12: *Debbie Nordblom Schellie Schell, Barb Taylor, Bill Lee Urich, Val Williams*

Backpack in Smokies: *Scott Rayl and Jim Taylor*

Bike Hike: *Chad Cline*

International Affairs Seminar: *Val Williams*

EVERY MEMBER GIVING

The call is out for all to be current in giving to God through the church. Expenses and needs are here now. Let's not get so far behind in giving that we are forever playing catch up. THIS IS THE YEAR WE EXPECT TO BE CURRENT AND ACHIEVE OUR BUDGET NEEDS.

The Total church expectation rests solely on the responsibility of each and every one giving regularly as income is received. If any are absent or out of the community, the mailing of the gift checks to the church is encouraged.

$672 was spent during July on the roof repair. Flat sections received a new coating of tar and shingles were replaced at several points on our roof. This repair plus the voluntary cleaning of our gutters should now curtail the leaks which we were having in several places in our building.

Because of the increased youth participation in summer camp and conference we expended $615 as the church share of registrations.

END OF FIVE WEEKS

Budgeted Income	$10,660.00
Actual Income	9,419.84
Accumulated Shortage	1,240.16

DON'T MISS SHOW ME! JESUS

SUNDAY EVENING 8:00 P.M.

5th and 6th GRADE ADVENTURE DAY

The last in the 1974 summer ADVENTURE DAYS will be for 5th & 6th graders August 21, 1974. Those in these two grades are asked to meet on the church parking lot at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday to go to May's Sand and Gravel. We will be taken to the tower and will see some blasting take place. Following our visit to the gravel works, we will go to McMillan Park for a play time and picnic lunch, returning to the church before 2:00 so that we can see the movie, "Adventures of Sinbad" and the cartoon, "Elmer Elephant". Boys and girls may be picked up at 3:45 P.M. Please bring a sack lunch (dring will be furnished), 25¢ for the movie, and any spending money you wish for candy at the movie.

FINAL FAMILY MOVIE

The third and final Family Movie for this summer is "The Adventures of Sinbad", an animated cartoon ful of fun and enchantment for the entire family. This show will be complete with a color cartoon, "Elmer Elephant." Fun for the entire family! Showings are at 2:00 and 7:00 P.M. Bring the family.

INVITATION TO VISIT LAZZAROS

Carl, and Arlene Lazzaro and family will be at the Jim Ruble home this Friday evening and Saturday--friends in the church are urged to come and visit.

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

First, I desire to share my appreciation for the thought and effort of many of you to fill out an INPUT FOR WORSHIP and returning it to me. In addition to my thanks, I want to express two observations. Response to the input cannot please every person every Sunday in every service. There are some saying opposite things about certain features of our services. In partial response, I am seeing the possibility of giving greater variance between the two Sunday morning services. This is one way of responding to diverging requests. I assure you that you are being heard and read. I will be as responsive as I can.

Thanks for the anonymous statement: "I feel that this inquiry is a very good idea. It offers the congregation an opportunity to express 'likes' and 'dislikes' as well as have a part in planning the service. It also shows sincereity and a co-operative spirit on your part, which is very commendable."

In addition to our desires, you and I both need to remember that worship is to bring our lives in openness to God that we may be responsive to his intentions and desires. Let us yearn for his presence and leading in all of our worship experiences!

May I turn to a concern which I have for our Church School. I have been roving about on Sunday morning for several weeks at the beginning of the hour and have become concerned. May I challenge every teacher of children and youth to be present in the classroom by 9:25 A.M. This is important most especially for the visitor or new person. It also allows informal sharing time as pupils arrive. It also makes for a greater readiness to use the entire 50 minutes for educational activity. On the adult level, I suggest that either the class president or teacher or both shoot for the 9:25 A.M. time. This is an excellent visiting and relating period. It opens the way for newcomers to really feel at home. MAY OUR CHURCH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRY TO BE IN PLACE BY 9:25 A.M. EACH SUNDAY! We desire to have an alert and warm fellowship growing in our Church School program!

I want to wait to talk further about my experiences in St. Louis last week. I will only say now that it was an enriching and exhilarating time with 5 national staff, 3 regional staff, 5 lay persons, and 2 pastors in our conversations about the Holy Spirit especially in relation to our brotherhood. I will share more later.

College youth are starting the trek back to campus. Local schools will open in a week or two. This means fall is coming. May we issue the word to get back after this summer camping and vacationing period. Our new Church School year opens on September 8 along with the return of our Chancel Choir singing in worship. Let's gather together to see what the Lord is about in the life of our congregation!

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

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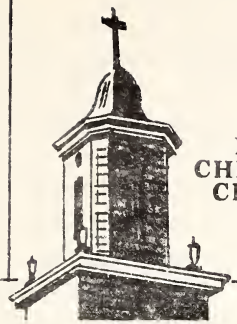

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
6:45 P.M. Bus loads on parking lot for D.M.A. sponsored trip to Warsaw for "AN EVENING WITH COLE PORTER"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEATS

CANNED FRUITS

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CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 8:00 P.M.

A special request is made for all youth and adult participants in the summer camp and conference program to share highlights and impacts in this community of worship

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

"Is there any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, annointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects." James 5:13-16

How do we read this Scripture? Have we taken it seriously in practice? Do we really believe in prayer for persons? Are we mutually ministers of one another in order to bring healing and wholeness?

HEAR THIS SERMON: PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER This Sunday in our Worship Nave at both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours.

SERVING AUGUST 25

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and Merle Rice

8:00 P.M. David Griggs

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks, S. Cole, E. Allen, F. Richardson

10:45 A.M. A. Huddleston, W. Bowen, B. Lehman, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Mimi Hunt and Karen Flickinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Flickinger, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, K. Place

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 626 Mrs. Mary Bowes (mother of Barbara Schrock

764 Mr. Ed Bressler

FUNERALS OF MEMBERS BY PASTOR

Charles Edward King on August 14, 1974. Sympathy is extended to the wife, Ethel, and daughter, Mrs. Lillian Busse, and all of the family.

Mary Dilts on August 21, 1974. Mary first joined our congregation in 1921, served as a deaconess, attended General Assemblies, and lived the last year in the Flinn Home. Sympathy is extended to the son and daughter and families.

THANKS TO C.Y.F.

Our youth served refreshments for the cast after "SHOW ME JESUS" last Sunday evening.

CALL FOR CHANCEL CHOIR

Fall rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 29th, in the Choir Room. Sara Davis, the director, has issued a call for all interested singers to join at this time. Our choir provides much leadership to our worship life as a congregation and can be strengthened by the participation of all possible singers.

D.M.A. SPONSORED TRIP TO WARSAW

The 46 tickets for an "EVENING WITH COLE PORTER" are on hand for next Tuesday evening the 27th. They will be distributed on the bus. The bus will arrive for loading on our parking lot at 6:45 P.M. and will leave at 7:00 P.M. Call the church office if you need a ride either to or from the parking lot.

If any must cancel plans to attend, please call Hugh or Gwynth Rice since there is a waiting list for any vacancies.

IMPORTANT CABINET MEETING

All committee and board chairpersons are needed Thursday, the 22nd, for an important Cabinet Meeting. Major planning for the fall will be our focus of concern.

FALL RETREAT FOR MEN AT BARBEE

Men are invited to share from Friday at 6:30 P.M. registration until 7:30 P.M. closing Fellowship on Saturday on the weekend of September 6 & 7. Frank Springer of the Division of Homeland Ministries is the guest leader on the theme, "OPENING CLOSED DOORS." Registration is $15 until August 25 when it increases to $17.

WORKSHOP ON PEOPLE MINISTRY

WHEN??? - Saturday, September 14th in our Church Parlor from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

WHY??? - To stimulate, challenge, and provide creative practical help in the area of effective evangelism. Each participant will become involved in both a spoken presentation and creative activities which will enable him to move from the theorectical and conceptual aspects of evangelism to the real application of these principles to his personal life.

WHO??? - Any member or friend of First Christian. Every elder, deacon, deaconess, home visitor, or teacher should consider the carefully as a growth opportunity to be better equipped to serve.

RESOURCE??? - A Cassette Study Program featuring Lloyd John Oglivie under the theme, "PEOPLE MINISTRY: THE BIRTH OF A NEW EVANGELISM" Dr. Ogilvie is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood which is the largest congregation of the denomination.

HOW??? - Sign up now in the church office or with any member of the Evangelism Committee which is sponsoring this event. Members include: Dean & Elsie Widler, Don & Barbara Short, Earl & Ruth Plummer, Rocky & Lee Baugher, Joyce Crowe, Herdis Helmuth, and Barbara Schrock.

"THE MAN WITH THE CONSECRATED CAR"

He couldn't speak before a crowd; he couldn't teach a class;
But when he came to Sunday School he brought the folks "enmasse".

He couldn't sing to save his life; in public couldn't pray;
But always his "jalopy" was just crammed on each Lord's Day.

And though he couldn't sing, nor teach, nor even lead in prayer,
He listened well, he had a smile, and he was always there --

With all the others whom he brought who lived both near and far --
And God's work was greatly prospered for he had a consecrated car.
--Copied

We are needing drivers to pick up our folk in scattered directions and bring them to church on Sunday. Will you help? Will you turn in your name and indicate whether you desire to pick up for Worship only at 8:15 or 10:45 or for both church school and a particular worship hour? Put this information in writing and place in offering plate or send to church office.

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

In the fall of 1971, the program CHANGE THROUGH INVOLVEMENT was introduced to Fort Wayne as a follow-up of Project Commitment, a dialogue dealing with racial and urban problems. Mrs. Delores Cansler, a black as the administrator of this program has helped to work with the Mother-to-Mother Program and also the Family-to-Family Program. First Christian Church has provided participants for these programs.

Suddenly last week, word was received that Change Through Involvement was having difficulty paying current bills and would be dismissing its office secretary and Mrs. Cansler by the end of August. Mrs. Cansler is one of the most positive liason persons our community has with the black community. I personally sense that she is perhaps the strongest link in any way connected directly with the Christian community.

Now comes the jab. We as a congregation gave $150 in 1971-72; $200 in 1972-73; $00 in 1973-74; and have sent $150 this week. The $150 this week was the first of an anticipated annual support of $450. Why have we been so derelict in support until now? WE HAVE PLAYED THE GAME OF RED INK! We keep the church in the red and so it cannot support vital and needed work beyond the basics of the congregation. This game on our part and sister churches in our community has now eliminated one more door for understanding and communication with the black community.

When, O When, are we going to wake up? Do we make choices which make us feel good and right with God, but fail to be sensitive and responsive to the hurts and problems of persons and society?

I have felt very frustrated in terms of black-white relationships in Fort Wayne. I beg and ask for help to see the opportunities that can bring growing relationship and growth. Can you help me? Speak up, please!

Furthermore, I think that we must look seriously to the upcoming PROJECT EDUCATION which is to bring community discussion on the issue of race in the schools. This is a participatory program involving key leaders locally and nationally with follow-up discussions face-to-face about our community. The board voted to help sponsor this well planned program and some of our people are involved in it. I hope that we will be willing to enlist as many of our people as possible.

What has fired me up so much? Last week, I had a very meaningful and moving experience as director of Camp 9-10 at Barbee. On the one hand, I became very aware of reality with our youth and the hurts and problems which are involved in their lives. On the other hand, I sensed the warmest kind of Christian community with affirmation and love. Somehow, we must be uniting the hard reality of life with "the balm of Gilead" ministered through Christian community.

I hurt because we have lost one more opportunity to be bearers of the "balm" in the community of which we are a part. Yet, I do believe that God and his love will win! I remain a person of hope in spite of failures.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
3:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 P.M. Faith at Work Pot-luck, Simpson United Methodist Church

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT

SOUPS

MAIN DISH DINNERS

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

JIM R. KEOWN, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, will preach at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday. Jim had preached at Wolcott during Seminary days and at Pendleton before going to our regional staff. He worked as an Industrial Chemist for 7½ years before going forward in his educational preparation for the professional ministry. He is a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree and also of Culver Stockton College.

We welcome Jim into our pulpit since Dr. Cline will be sharing in the installation of his brother, Jim, as pastor of Central Christian Church in Newark, Ohio, after serving 12 years in Akron.

FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8 MARKS PROMOTION DAY AND A NEW SEMESTER IN CHURCH SCHOOL.

SEPTEMBER 8 MARKS THE BEGINNING OF CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH CALLING EVERY MEMBER BACK.

SEPTEMBER 8 MARKS A PITCH-IN DINNER, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND OPEN BOARD MEETING.

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Hugh Rice

10:45 A.M. William Love and Dean Widler

8:00 P.M. George Davis

Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Sauerwein, A. Huddleston, W. Bowen, F. Richardson, H. Helmuth, C. Hetrick

10:45 A.M. D. Pomeroy, D. Allen, J. Taylor, T. Knuckles, D. Weaver, T. Frappier, R. Cole, V. Moore

Deaconesses

Mimi Hunt and Karen Flickinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, M. Olson, G. Hunt, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, J. Frappier, B. Urich, T. Weirick, S. Frappier

Homebound Communion

Earl Plummer, Robert Urich
Charles Ludwig, Don Pomeroy

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph: 455 Mrs. Mary Higgins

Lutheran: M212 Mrs. Hilda Fredericks (sister of Mamie Caldwell)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Lois Finkhousen and family in the death of her father, Henry O. Pflueger on August 25. Services were on August 28.

THANK YOU TO CHURCH:

"Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express."
Family of Maud Miller

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Paul M. Gilliland

All older youth and ad invited tonight (Thursday) P.M. as a new season of our Choir begins rehearsal. Re are regularly on Thursdays P.M. under the direction Sara Davis. The choir wi singing in worship on Sunda 8. Do not await a personal lined invitation--COME TON 7:30 P.M. AND SING TO THE GOD!

AUGUST AVERAGES

Church Worship	
Church School	
Budget Giving	$1735
Appeal Giving	172

SEPTEMBER 8 OPENS CHURC MONTH

8:15 A.M. - Meditative Wor
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9:30 A.M. - Church School
Promotion Sunday for child and opening of new semeste
10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship
Chancel Choir opens fall - Bibles given to children
12:15 P.M. - Pitch-in Dinne for all members and friends
1:00 P.M. - 9 Functional Committee Meetings - activi
2:30 P.M. - Church Board m
Open for all members and f to discuss proposed Consti and By-Laws
5:30 P.M. - CYF opens fall tenth, eleventh, & twelfth graders.
7:00 P.M. - Celebration Wo

The Biblical text of James 5:13-16 was used as a basis for the sermon last Sunday. Read it. The sermon suggested eight definite challenges and one indefinite challenge for intercessory prayer. The immediate response to the sermon Sunday was strong and the request made for further challenge in THE TIDINGS. Persons made response back to the pastor only on the first five challenges--the other challenges were a matter of personal decision and action without written response. The door is open for further response and indication of willingness to participate in one of these options for intercessory prayer. On Sunday morning 16 signed for Prayer Covenant; 35 for Prayer Chain; 10 for Undershepherd Praying; 6 for Fellowship of the Cross; and 4 for Daily Disciples. Please call Dr. Cline if you wish to discuss any of these proposals for prayer.

The challenge is out--"TRY AND SEE" the results of praying for others!

1. PRAYER COVENANT - This 30-day prayer covenant can be joined with the pastor or with some other person upon mutual agreement. It calls for three things:

   a. Surrender today to as much of God as is understood by as much of self as is understood.
   b. Renewing of this surrender and openness to God for each of the next thirty days.
   c. Praying in behalf of the other person by name for his surrender for each of the next thirty days.

2. PRAYER CHAIN - A continuing group of persons who will be on call for special prayers at times of emergency, crisis, special needs, or special needs of our church. Persons agree to pray for the need when called and will pass on the request for prayer to another person in the chain. Here is an available pool of persons ready to pray in behalf of persons and needs arising among us.

3. UNDERSHEPHERD PRAYING - These persons will be given a list of names of 15 to 25 members or friends of the church for whom they will pray daily for the next ninety days. At the end of that time, they will change names or drop out according to personal preference. This is a ministry of undergirding persons by prayer. The door is open for other ministries arising out of this continuing prayer concern.

4. DAILY DISCIPLES - A group which will meet for prayer preparation for daily living every other Sunday evening from 9:00 to 10:00 P.M. beginning Sunday September 16. The focus of the group will be prayer enablement of Christian expression in home, family, work, community, and social life.

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5. FELLOWSHIP OF THE CROSS - Especially for youth of junior high, ior high, and college levels. A small block of wood will be or carried symbolizing the four disciplines of these persons:

a. Daily prayer and Bible reading;
b. Serious effort to love church, work in church, and invite oth
c. Daily living as in the presence of Christ;
d. Explanation of the wood symbol as a witness to the discipline

6. FAMILY INTERCESSION - Families are encouraged to use past Christ Cards in connection with one, three, or seven meals a week. Pic card and talk about the sending family, pray for each person in sending family, then send a letter telling of the prayer in behelf the family.

7. PERSONAL INTERCESSION - Pick a person for whom you share a conce pray for him or her, after praying send a note or call to inform your prayer in his or her behalf. This may be done on a daily or we ly basis.

8. PASTOR AND WORSHIP INTERCESSION - Commit yourself in intercess prayer in behalf of the pastor and fellow worshippers each Sund Some of our members in a recent conference were challenged to do th for a five-year period of time.

9. OTHER INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Determine a style or pattern for yo self. It might be to form a prayer cell to pray for a certain obje ive or group. It might be personal prayer for former President Ni to find personal peace. It is an open challenge to "pray for other

PRAY--TRY IT AND SEE--The resevoir of God's power can be tapped prayer if we will discover His will through our openness to Him. you wish to share in one of the first five experiments mentioned please indicate which one or ones and mail it to the office or give to the pastor.

WORKSHOP ON PEOPLE MINISTRY

A six-hour interaction workshop is planned for our parlor on Satur September 14th from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. This is a growth opportu for callers, elders, deacons, deaconesses, and teachers. It is ope any member or friend of the church. Sign up in the church offic with any member of the Evangelism Committee.

What does it mean to "allow Jesus to live his life in us?" Do we h "contagious reproductivity/" Are we manifesting "the power of the R Christ?" Do we really "care about the world and its needs?"

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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-CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Pitch-In Dinner
1:00 P.M. Committee Meetings
2:30 P.M. Church Board Meeting
3:00 P.M. Annual Meeting at the Emily E. Flinn Home
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Barbara Short, 3714 S. Monroe

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Virginia Bruckman, 3729 South Drive
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Pauline Snyder, 4709 Schaper Drive

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 A.M. Spice Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor, Child Care Provided
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: BABY FOOD, SOUPS, PEANUT BUTTER *Anyone interested in being a PANTRY HELPER please call Betty Grimm, 456-7808.*

SEPTEMBER 8 IS THE DAY!

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

Every member and friend is called back to regular worship. Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M.; Divine Worship with Chancel Choir singing at 10:45 A.M.; Celebration Worship back to winter time at 7:00 P.M.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR

Children are promoted and all classes are on "G-O" for another year. Note all classes and staff on pages three and four.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

All are invited to remain after Divine Worship or to come for a "pitch-in" meal. Drink and rolls will be furnished. We will eat at 12:15 P.M. Bring table service and appropriate covered dishes.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Child Care and movies will be available for children during Committees at 1:00 P.M. and the Church Board at 2:30 P.M. All are urged to attend.

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 8

Elders

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. William Franklin and Merle Rice

7:00 P.M. William Crouse

Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Sauerwein, A. Huddleston, W. Bowen, F. Richardson, H. Helmuth, C. Hetrick

10:45 A.M. D. Pomeroy, D. Allen, J. Taylor, T. Knuckles, D. Weaver, T. Frappier, R. Cole, V. Moore

Deaconesses

Mimi Hunt and Karen Flickinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, M. Olson, G. Hunt, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, J. Frappier, B. Urich T. Weirick, S. Frappier

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 590 Mrs. Audrey Helmuth
M212 - Mrs. Hilda Fredericks

St. Joseph: 455 Mrs. Mary Higgins
551 Mrs. Edna Clark

Parkview: 313 Mr. Glenn Moss
726 Mrs. Joan Gumpp

THANKS TO CHURCH:

Thank you for kindness shown at the death of Charles King. Especially thanks to Dr. Cline and the men who served as pall bearers.

Ethel King
Art & Lillian Busse
Mel & Barbara Busse
Carolyn Busse

INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY GROUP?
A new group of couples and singles is forming for serious Bible Study. If interested, contact→ Jerry Zimmerman, 744-5698, or the church office.

GIFT BIBLES TO CHILDREN

During Divine Worship this Sunday the church will present Bibles to the following children of our Church School who are entering third grade this year: *Scott Aker, Matthew Andrew, Kirk Barnes, Denise Clifton, Machel Crist, Mark Grier, Karen Heiney, Sharon Knuckles, Tim Knuckles, Michelle Tomlinson, Ferrin Skelton, and Jay Kinnane.*

BUDGET GIVING:

Our budget giving averaged $400 a Sunday more than 1973 during July and August. September is the final month of the first quarter of this new budget year. All need to be current by the end of September. Perhaps we can reach our committed goal by September 30!

THANKS TO CHURCH

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Mary S. Dilts.

Dear Rev. Cline,

"Thank you so much for making this production of For Heaven's Sake, a very successful one. Without people like you and your church, we would never have been able to perform this play. Everthing worked out very well for the whole company. Thanks again."

Sincerely,
Jerry Zehr, Director,
The Christian Masque

PROMOTION DAY AND NEW CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

Sunday is the day for all to be at Church School! Children of grade seven and below should go to old classes for Promotion to the new. All others should start in their location. Come and share in this study life of our church. Children and Youth will be using the Christian Life Curriculum, "BEING THE COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN LOVE."

CHILDREN:

Crib and Toddlers - For toddlers under two years of age. Teachers include Linda King (lead teacher), Marlene Crouse, Debra Weirick, Barbara Hayes, Val Taylor, and Jody Eckert. Room 236.

Nursery - For those children who will be two or three before this October 1. Teachers include: Andrea Benny (Lead teacher), Rose Jenkins, and Karen Zimmerman. Room 235.

Kindergarten - For children who start public school Kindergarten this fall or will start next fall. Teachers include Marilyn Frappier (lead teacher), Mary Anne Heiney, Marilyn Byers, and Norma Andrew. Room 131.

Elementary I (Grades 1 & 2)- Helen Williams and Lois Finkhousen teach first grade in Room 132. Karen Flickinger and Sylvia Smith teach second grade in Room 133.

Elementary II (Grades 3 & 4)- Doris and Jack Sauerwein are the teachers. The class meets in Room 130.

Elementary III (Grades 5 & 6) - Teachers are Peggy Buskirk and Edna Nordblom. The class meets in Room 333.

YOUTH:

Youth I (Grades 7 & 8) - Sue and Tom Knuckles are teachers. The class meets in Room 330.

Youth II (Grades 9 & 10) - Tom Frappier is the teacher. Class meets in Room 331.

Youth III (Grades 11 & 12) - Mel Busse is the teacher. Class meets in Room 332.

ADULT:

College and Career: - Bill Franklin is the teacher. Class meets in Room 230.

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CHURCH SCHOOL (from page three)

Singles Class - A class for single adults (never married, widows and widowers, or diverced persons) between the ages of 20 and 36. Barbara Schrock is the teacher. Class meets in Room 300.

O.M.S. Class - A class for couples and singles, taught by Ruby Cline. Meets in Room 115.

Berean Class - A class of mixed ages, taught by Jack Williams in Room 11

'58 Class - A Class for couples and singles in 30's and 40's, taught by Jack Weicker, in Room 119.

Come Double Class - A Class for couples and singles, taught by Edna Vaught in Room 116.

Progressive Class - A class for those 60+, taught by Harold Crowder in the Chapel.

Friendly Class - A class for women 70 and beyond taught by Mimi Hunt in Room 231.

ELECTIVES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Christian Discipleship Class - Taught by Dr. Harold E. Cline in Room 120. (Beginning on September 15.)

A Study of the Book of Acts - Taught by Miriam Bixenman in Room 301. The class will begin September 15 and is limited to 10 persons.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS (from page one)

Chi Rho for Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Graders and CYF for Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Graders will have regular meetings from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M.

MONDAY STUDY GROUP

This Monday morning, September 9 the Monday Morning Study Group will resume meeting every other week at 10:00 A.M. on Mondays. We will begin this fall by using a series of tapes dealing with I Corinthians. The group is open to all and meets in the church parlor.

ALL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES MEET THIS SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

Education - 301
Christian Action & Community Service - 300
Membership - 200
Information Services - 201
World Outreach - 120
Stewardship-Finance - 130
Property - 330
Evangelism - 331
Worship - 332

THE CHURCH BOARD MEETING BEGINS AT 2:30 P.M. AND IS OPEN TO ALL

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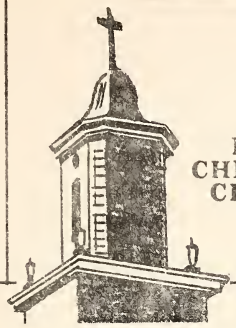

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

:30 A.M. Workshop on People Ministry

UNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

UESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

:30 P.M. Pot-Luck Dinner for Church to celebrate CWF's 100th birthday
:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

EDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

:30 P.M. Bible Study Group, Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman's 4223 Beaver

HURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

:30 P.M. "Putting It Together" Pre-Assembly meeting for delegates at West Creighton Christian Church
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: FRUIT JUICES
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED MEAT
DIAPERS

LEARN IN CHURCH SCHOOL

We have graded classes for all ages of children, youth, and adults. These were all listed last week in THE TIDINGS. The invitation mat is out for participants to learn the truth of God for life as reflected in the Bible and the history of God's people. The thrust of church school is to deal with the persistent questions of life at the various situations of the participants.

In addition to the continuing classes, two ELECTIVE CLASS opportunities begin this Sunday at 9:30 A.M.:

1. DISCIPLESHIP CLASS This series of studies led by Dr. Cline in Room 120 is open to any member or friend of the church. It reviews the basics of Christian faith. It is especially helpful to someone trying to understand this church and its witness. Call him if you have questions about participation. YOU ARE INVITED!

2. BIBLE STUDY OF ACTS: Miriam Bixenman is beginning this study in her office, Room 301. William Barclay's DAILY STUDY BIBLE will be used as a background resource. 10

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 15

Elders

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and Mark Snyder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. G. Ludwig, O. McDougle, R. Clifton, R. Ogles

10:45 A.M. R. Petty, R. Cole, E. Allen, D. Young, J. Taylor, D. Pomeroy, R. Urich, V. Moore

Deaconesses

Fran Eckert and Mary Cook

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, M. Olson, G. Hunt, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevelier, H. Stevenson, J. Frappier, B. Urich, T. Weirick, S. Frappier

Homebound Communion

David Griggs and Romane Cole

William Schilling and Ed Allen

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 464 Mr. D. Wayne Penny

M211 Mrs. Hilda Fredericks

572 Mrs. Linda Vogel

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

Congratulations to Mark and Rosemary Krull in the birth of a son on September 7, 1974.

THANKS TO CONGREGATION

Mrs. Mary Higgins expresses personal thnaks to all of the members for the visits, cards, prayers, and concerns during recent hospitalization.

Mrs. Opal Heller sends thanks to all for notes written her in these early days of her stay in the Flinn Home in Marion.

CWF CELEBRATING 100 BIRTHDAY

The CWF is celebrating their 100th birthday next Tuesday, September 17th. The church is invited to join in a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Bring plenty of food and your own table service. Drinks and birthday cake will be furnished. The program by Fellowship Guild, will give us a look at the past as we ready for the future. Babysitting will be provided.

NEW ADDRESSES OUT OF TOWN:

Mr. & Mrs. Doyle F. Hardy & family
8709 S. Keystone, Apt. 6
Indianapolis, IN 46227
Phone - 317-888-0742

Mr. & Mrs. Don Passwater & family
Rt. 5, Box 28; Long Acres
Shelbyville, IN 46176
Phone - 317-392-4533

NEWS FROM GANTERS

Bill Ganter was a board member and leader in stewardship commitment in First Christian in the 1960's. The Schenectady News reports: "Mr. William G. Ganter was elected first Vice President of Bankers Trust Co. of Albany, N.Y." He and his wife, Isabelle, live in Schenectady at 222 Grand Blvd.

CALL FOR PANTRY NEEDS

On September 5 & 6 we gave food for 99 meals and clothing for 4 adults and 34 children. Foodstuffs are needed and an urgent call to replenish children's clothing. Deposit in Fellowship Hall.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1974

The treasurer's report showed an increase of giving of $1,498.26 over July and August of last year even though this involved one less Sunday. This summer period is still short $2,506.28 of the anticipated income according to our spring Commitment Program. The increased receipts this year did allow for local outreach support of $705 and world wide outreach support of $1,617.50. We ended these two months lacking only one check of our anticipated weekly spending for outreach support.

The church board elected the following voting delegates for the Regional Assembly in October: George Bruckman, Ralph and Judy Church, Schellie Schell, and Edna Vaught. Alternates are Becky Buskirk, Jim Stucky, & Chad Cline. Our congregation has four other voting delegates by virtue of office namely, Dr. Cline as a member of General Board; Ruby Cline as Vice-President of the Assembly; Valerie Williams as Vice President of the Regional CYF Commission; and Miriam Bixenman, as a professional staff member of this congregation.

The Board took official action on Ron Flickinger as Memorial and Special Funds Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Herb Banet. Mel Busse was approved as Director of Youth and Bell Choir. The Church School personnel were approved as submitted by the Education Department.

The Board officially accepted the report of the Constitutional Revision Committee. A motion at the board was passed which calls for a separate vote on the By-Laws section on Transfer of Membership from the rest of the document. The Board will be voting on this constitution and by-laws revision thus in two units at the next meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 13. It is slated for congregational action on November 10.

Upon recommendation of the Property Department, approval was given to trade in our IBM Executive Typewriter for a standard electric typewriter and also to purchase a Fire Blanket for safety needs.

Present were 12 elders, 9 deacons, 12 deaconesses, 8 other board members and 14 guest members of the congregation.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS AND SPONSORS

A very special training opportunity is coming your way. It is the most valuable training you could receive to help you in your work, and to help build your classes. An Observation School is planned for November 15, 16, & 17. Mark your calendars and save these important dates.

CALLING CHILDREN, YOUTH ADULTS!

Our full choir program is in swing and the participation of all possible singers is desired. Our choirs add much to the life of the church and also become a point of relationship, expression, and fulfillment for persons. We rejoice in praising the Lord through music.

CHANCEL CHOIR - Older youth and adults are invited to rehearsals each Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 in Room 321. Sara Davis is directing and Jerry Zimmerman is accompanist. This choir sings regularly for Divine Worship at 10:45 on Sundays and also at other special events. This choir leads us in much of our singing.

YOUTH AND BELL CHOIR - Youth of grades six through twelve are invited each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in Room 321. Mel Busse is directing and Jerry Zimmerman is accompanist. This choir will play the hand bells regularly as well as singing. Both Chi Rho and CYF youth are invited.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Children of grades one through five are invited to share in this learning program each Sunday during Divine Worship. These children will be with families until the Sermonette and will leave in a group at that time. Susan Jones is leading this experience which has a primary focus on enjoying and learning the basic hymns of the church. Children's Choir has a major focus on learning to sing in the church, rather than on performances. Yet, the group will sing several times during the year.

SING TO THE LORD!

PROJECT EDUCATION

Project Education is coming to Fort Wayne on Tuesday evenings from October 1 through November 5. Project Education is an attempt to understand the problems that exist in a pluralistic society such as ours. It will be based on the same format as Project Commitment, which was held in Fort Wayne some four years ago, with such sucess that it had to be repeated a second, third, and even a fourth time. The location of all meetings is First Presbyterian Church, and the time slot is 7:30 - 10:00 each evening. It is the hope of the Christian Action Committee to have as many enrolled in Project Education as we had in Project Commitment, some 25 in all. Cost is $3.00 for adults and $1.50 for students, with the church paying half of this fee. We must know those interested before September 24. Please call the Church Office to signify your intention of attending.

SUNDAY EVENINGS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

5:30 P.M. - Youth Fellowships
Chi Rho - Grades 6, 7, 8
CYF - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship
All ages invited to parlor for participatory worship experience. Child Care for Grade 4 and under.

CHURCH SCHOOL (from page one) persons are needed for this semester study. Call her if you have inquiries. YOU ARE INVITED!

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CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

We are not calling you to a special program, but rather we are reminding all to express the loyalty which comes out of appreciation and love for Jesus as Lord and Savior of life.

- Weekly participation in the Lord's Supper celebrates the covenantal bond with Jesus who is the host and whose sacrificial act of love is focused as central in life.
- Singing lustily with the congregation and greeting new and old friends with warmness adds a glow of expression to each one of us.
- Praying for fellow worshippers and encouraging them with words of affirmation and love bring a contagious spirit of belonging together and caring in Christ.
- Giving of financial resources not only reflects the response to the givingness of God, but enables the church to be responsible and to be an enabler of wider ministries in the community, state, nation, and world.

COME AND JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND STUDY Let the power and presence of Jesus fill life to its fullest potential!

CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:30 P.M. Progressive Class Picnic, Lakeside Park
:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

0:00 A.M. Study Group
:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

UESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

2:00 Noon D.M.A. Picnic, Foster Park
:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
:00 P.M. Meeting of those interested in musical

HURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

:45 P.M. Music Personnel
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

RIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

:00 P.M. Family Camp Begins at Barbee

ANTRY NEEDS: FRUIT JUICES
CEREALS
SUGAR
CANNED FRUIT

SERVING SEPTEMBER 22

Elders

8:15 A.M. Rufus Quinn and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and George Davis

7:00 P.M. David Griggs

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Bowen, F. Richardson, R. Hendricks, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. W. Gumpp, D. Weaver, C. Hetrick, A. Huddleston, T. Knuckles, H. Helmuth, R. Aker, J. Sauerwein

Deaconesses

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8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, M. Olson, G. Hunt, C. Cline

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PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran 418 Mary Chasar

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall on the birth of a daughter, Lori Jennifer, on September 9, 1974.

THANKS TO EARL FUSSELMAN

The flowers and lawn care help to set off our building to all passer-bys. Thanks so much Earl for your work!

BARBARA SHORT ON VACATION

Barbara Short will be gone from the office for two weeks and Nancy Wortley will be working regularly in her absence.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will have their fall picnic at Lakeside Park Pavillian No. 1 at 1:30 P.M. next Sunday, September 22. All class members and their guests are invited.

D.M.A. PICNIC:

Our D.M.A. group will hold its September gathering at 12:00 noon in Foster Park. All are invited to share in this covered dish meal and fellowship at the park next Tuesday September 24.

MUSICAL PLANS

Several interested persons are meeting at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday the 24th to consider plans for a musical to be presented by a varient age group of youth and adults.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Persons are encouraged to bring papers to the church for storage on the stage prior to October 5. The youth will be loading papers out at 9:00 A.M. that morning. This drive is both ecological and fund raising. Participate by saving papers and bringing them. The youth will move papers regularly from entry ways to the stage for storage.

CHI RHO OFFICERS FOR 1974-75

President - *Carol Cline*

Vice President - *Clint Crowe*

Secretary-Treasurer - *Stephanie Mollenhour*

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OUTREACH

A check for $1,000 will be dedicated during worship this Sunday addressed to "Christian Church Outreach." This is the regular outreach support for each fourth Sunday of the month. Of this amount $600 is designated for operational support of our world mission, home mission, benevelent homes, colleges and seminaries, and regional and general work and $400 is designated for the capital needs of the special Indiana Appeal.

This new term, "Christian Church Outreach" is simply a change in names for our outreach support, and replaces the name of Unified Promotion which was used for 39 years.

Our checks for "Christian Church Outreach" are mailed to the Church Finance Council of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which was born July 1, 1974. The Finance Council is the new mission finance unit that replaces Unified Promotion. After 39 years of distinguished service in lifting the challenge to congregations and individuals to be faithful stewards of the gospel, providing leadership and materials for the commitment of every member, interpreting the church's mission and distributing approximately $280,000,000 Unified Promotion was retired with honor. There is joy in past achievement.

The new Church Finance Council was established by the General

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Assembly to serve the whole church. It is dedicated to the proposition that financing the mission of the church is a shared responsibility among congregations, regions, general units and institutions. It is committed to provide the most effective stewardship services, interpretation and promotion possible, consistent with Christian principles of stewardship. It is our channel for outreach gifts.

"ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW"

This film produced by World Wide Pictures and supplied through Billy Graham Films will be shown in our Worship Nave at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 29. All are invited and encouraged to bring guests and visitors. The sound track will come through our regular Nave P.A. system.

This movie combines life-experiences of real people in video-vignettes, brief appearances of Billy Graham, original music and an excerpt from "Barabbas" produced by Columbia Pictures.

J. Michael Hooser, a 26 year old edited and directed this film. He utilizes provacative new techniques in this major film, including a varying number of images on the same screen creating a multi-media effect.

It is a drama of change. Purpose comes out of emptiness. Silence becomes communications. From the disillusionment of drugs, violent protest, and witchcraft, there comes a new beginning--a new life.

PROJECT EDUCATION

Tuesday, September 24, is registration deadline for this important community opportunity. Call the church office for registration for these six Tuesday night sessions, October 1 through November 5. We are asking our people to pay $1.50 of the registration fee. All sessions will be held in First Presbyterian Church.

Project Education provides the opportunity to see our schools through the eyes of others with emphasis on excellence in education. Frequently our attitudes on education are formed, then maintained, because of a lack of understanding of what are schools really like for all children of our city and county.

By listening to others "tell it like it is", we can knock down walls which prevent us, and in turn our children, from enjoying life to its fullest. Sessions will start with fact-finding analysis by top-flight speakers, and end with frank open discussions of the topics by small informal groups, led by trained moderators.

October 1 - DESEGREGATED EDUCATION ITS BENEFITS AND PROBLEMS - Dr. Charles Glatt, Prof. of Ed. Dev. Ohio State University

October 8 - FACING OUR FEARS AND ANXIETIES - David Hollingsworth, General Assistance Center, Indianapolis

October 15 - EDUCATION FOR URBAN LIFE - Dr. Gene Phillips, Chrm'n Div. of Ed., I.U. Fort Wayne

October 22 - DESEGRATION EDUCATION SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF STUDENTS

October 29 - DESEGRATION IN OTHER COMMUNITIES - Dr. Eugene Mornell

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of U.S. Civil Rights Commission

November 5 - THE NEXT STEP - Benjamin Turner, Ass't Supt. of Schools, Harrisburg, PA.

C.Y.F. FALL RETREAT AT BARBEE

Youth of Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 are invited for a retreat during Teacher's Institute, October 23 to 25. The group will leave our parking lot at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday and arrive back at 5:00 P.M. on Friday.

Eating, playing, singing, talking, study, and praying will all be a part of this experience. There will be a serious study focus provided by the cassette tapes of Charlie W. Shedd entitled, "Straight Talk on Love, Sex, and Marriage."

The tapes and corrollary discussion seeks to develop a Christian approach for teenagers in these areas of love, dating, sex, and marriage expectations. The resource is developed from presentations in response to youth questions collected from Dr. Shedd's speaking engagements across the nation.

C.Y.F. youth and guest high-school youth are asked to register as soon as possible for this outing. $4 which is the total individual cost is to be turned in with the following form:

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NAME_____

GRADE_____PHONE NUMBER_____

$4.00 paid with form_____

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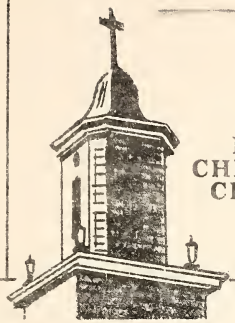

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Sermon Dialogue
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
7:00 P.M. Movie "Good to Know"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Dorothy Green, 11625 Buskirk Rd.
7:30 P.M. Project Education
7:30 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Genevieve Ripple, 3405 Central Dr.
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Bernice Montgomery, 716 Archer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS
LADIES SLACKS (larger sizes)
BASSINET

SERMON AND DIALOGUE

At the September Board meeting, the only serious issue raised with the proposed Constitution and By-Laws related to the transfer of membership section. It was decided that this would be voted separately when it comes to the board vote in October and the congregational vote in November. References in the present and proposed Constitution and By-Laws will be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

The sermon, "AN ISSUE FOR CLARIFICATION" will seek to delineate basic stances on various sides of the issue and will make a definite witness on the part of the pastor.

In order that there may be questions and discussion, there will be an open session for dialogue in the parlor from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. simultaneously with the Youth Fellowships.

Every board member as well as members and friends of the church are encouraged to share in this special focus during worship at 8:15 and 10:45 Sunday.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 29

Elders

8:15 A.M. Earl Plummer and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and Rolland Ripple

Deacons

8:15 A.M. G. Ludwig, S. Cole, R. Wortley, T. Ogles

10:45 A.M. E. Allen, J. Hechler B. Lehman, D. Allen, H. Stevenson, W. Koehlinger, R. Ogles, T. Frappier

Deaconesses

Fran Eckert and Mary Cook

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, M. Olson, G. Hunt, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, J. Frappier, B. Urich, T. Weirick. S. Frappier

Homebound Communion

Mark Snyder and Tom Frappier
Merle Rice and Jim Taylor

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: M-216 Mrs. Mae Beck

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Steven Roy Guy and Eva Jo Austin on Saturday, September 14. They are residing at Lincoln Heights Trailer Court Lot # 39, New Haven, Indiana 46774.

TEACHER CHANGE

Charles Speicher, who had formerly taught in our Church School, will be returning this Sunday as teacher of the 9th and 10th grade class formerly taught by Tom Frappier, who rotates off.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Anne Christina Lee, the daughter of Carole Lee, 4220 Kekionga, Apt. 1, made her confession of faith during Meditative Worship. Anne will be baptized on Sunday afternoon. She is a seventh grader at Kekionga Junior High, plays the flute, and likes to read. We welcome Anne in this surrender of life to Christ!

PRAY FOR MEMBERS

Rocky, Lee & Melanie Baugher and Barbara and Dawn Schrock will be on a Lay Witness Mission team at First Presbyterian Church in New Castle. Hank Hayes of Illinois is coordinator. Pray in behalf of these people and this Mission.

THANK YOU

Reverend Cline & Dear Friends of First Christian:

We are so grateful for the many cards, calls, flowers and above all your prayers and best wishes during Bob's stay in the Hospital and Nursing Home.

Bob is at home now and we still ask for your prayers in the days ahead.

God Bless you all.

Esther and Bob Clipp

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE:

Papers may be brought to the Church for the Youth to move to the stage of Fellowship Hall. The final time is 9:00 A.M., Saturday, October 5.

FEATURE MOVIE:
"ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW"

Sunday, September 29
7:00 P.M. in Worship Nave

The next time you're out enjoying the warmth of a sunny day, stop and think...some lives are so marred by pain and lack of purpose that the sun never rises...

The next time you're sharing your most intimate thoughts and dreams with a friend, think about those who have no dreams... and no one to share them with....

The next time you hear children laughing...enjoying the delights of their world, remember what broken, wasted beings other children have become...

The next time you think about what Christ has done for you, think about what He could do for the cold; lonely, broken, crying world of people within your world.

Jesus Christ still brings the miracle of new life into the darkest corners of despair. ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW that we... you and I...can share His transforming love...with everyone.

ISN't IT GOOD TO KNOW can be the beginning of that sharing. Take time...to see it with someone who matters to you.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6 is a highlight in our church year as we celebrate WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY. Every member is urged to join the Christians of the world at the Master's Table.

For only the second year we have the first of six special day offerings on October 6. This is our only special giving for RECONCILIATION of the Christian Church, which seeks to find solutions to the problems related to race and poverty in United States and Canada. One-half of our funds given are used in Indiana by action of our Regional Board.

This year we are sharing $100 per month in addition to Special Offering for RECONCILIATION.

$33,000 has been spent in Indiana during the past three years for: Statewide: Indiana Interreligious Commission on Human Equality, Camp & Conference for the disadvantaged children, Association for Loan Free Education. Fort Wayne: Change through Involvement. Gary Boricuous Unidos, Associacion Latina De Servicios Educacionales. Tipton County: Migrant Ministries. Indianapolis: Community Interfaith Project Discovery Printing School. Forward Inc. Welfare Rights Organization Human Justice Commission, Urban Federation. Evansville: Friendship Ministries. New Albany: Downtown Neighborhood Council.

C H U R C H L O Y A L T Y M O N T H: *Express your covenant relationship through study, worship, and giving on Sunday, September 29.*

PROJECT EDUCATION

Registrants for PROJECT EDUCATION to date from our congregation include: Ralph Church, Miriam Bixenman, Harold Cline, Merle & Betty Grimm, and Connie Wells. Sessions begin on Oct. 1. Call the office to register NOW. Sponsorship is by churches including our own, Ft. Wayne Board of Education, and other community agencies.

FAMILY CAMP OUT AT BARBEE

This weekend is the last of the season for Family Camp Outs. Cabins are available or trailer or tent camping is possible. Eating will be on a planned menu basis in the Dining Hall. Call Val Taylor, 447-2880 for any further information or instructions. All are to register with her before going. Known families or persons as of Monday included: Ben Taylors, Robert Urichs, Tom Knuckles, Pat Fontaines, Peggy Buskirks, and the Bob Johnsons on Saturday. Other persons include Miriam Bixenman, Schellie Schell, Jim Stuckey, Valerie Williams and Rose Izarary.

REQUEST FROM NURSERY TEACHERS

Parents are requested not to send cookies, crackers, or candy with children for Church School. Most children have just eaten and do not need food at this time. Whenever a child has food and the others do not, it is disruptive to the teaching program.

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD!

This Sunday completes the first quarter of this church year. Our giving has reached new heights but not measured up to our spring commitments or the full needs of our congregation. Leanness may be good for a steak or for a model, but it is not too good for a church's budget.

Church Loyalty Month moves into its final two weeks and I am concerned by the lack of demonstration of loyalty by so many of our members including our elders, deacons, and deaconesses. The witness of faithfulness is a force which the world needs from Christians each Lord's Day.

The special focus of our Sunday morning worship is vital for our members to consider an important issue before us in our October 13 Board meeting and November 10 Congregational meeting. "Let us speak the truth in love whether we agree or disagree." In this I speak to myself as well as to others.

PRAISE GOD! Andy Cook, our Church Treasurer, is hopeful to catch up on all budgeted outreach commitments for the quarter this Sunday. Although we are behind in giving, we have enabled this forward step! RIGHT ON!

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 P.M. Come Double Class, with Stan Cole's.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rose Jenkins, 4720 Beaver.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

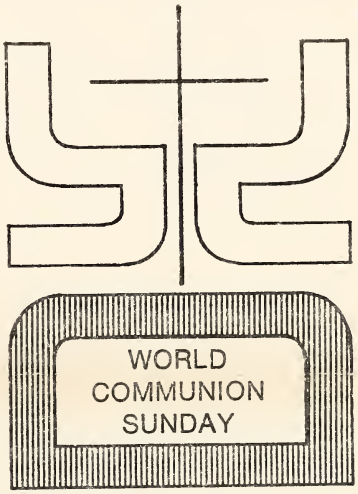
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Ethel Birkhold, 221 W. Maple Grove.
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Doris Sauerwein, 4715 S. Wayne Ave.
7:30 P.M. Bible Study, Connie and Vincent Wells, 735 Poplar.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir



COMMUNION SUNDAY FOCUSED BY

World Communion Sunday will focus the Lord's Supper by building the entire service around it. Come for a refreshing renewal experience at the Table of the Lord. He is the host. "RENDEVOUS AT THE BRIDGE" is the sermon theme.

The call is out for every member and friend of the church to participate in this eucharistic celebration when the virtual whole of the church joins with all of those who ob-

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SERVING OCTOBER 6

Elders

8:15 A.M. Wm. Schilling and Charles Ludwig.

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and William Franklin

Deacons

8:15 A.M. O. McDougle, R. Petty E. Allen, J. Taylor.

10:45 A.M. R. Clifton, R. Cole, D. Young, D. Pomeroy. V. Moore, W. Bowen, R. Hendricks, W.Gumpp.

Deaconesses

M. Quinn and M. Crouse

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, M. Terry, J. Stucky.

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, G. Bozarth, R. Chevalier, M. Byers, K.Place.

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran:

M-216 Mrs. Mae Beck
M-201 Mrs. Deann Crist

St. Joseph:

425 Mr. Ernest Kattas
229 Mrs. Linda Vogel
203 Mrs. Winnie Ferguson

Parkview:

349 Mrs. Blanche Valentine
321 Mrs. Jessie Vernor
230 Mr. Jerry Ferguson

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. Brett McClain (Debra Marshall), a daughter, Allissa Rae, on 9/22/74.

To Mr. & Mrs. Michael Daily, (Christine Eich), a son, Todd Michael on 9/26/74.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING INVITATION

Church friends are cordially invited to the marriage uniting Carolyn Sue Busse and Gary Howard Falbe at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 12, in the nave of our church. A reception follows at the Shiloh. If unable to attend presence in thought and prayer is requested.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

David Alan Fisher and Kathy Jean Hickey on 9/28/74. They are residing at 712 Wilt Street. 46804

PROJECT EDUCATION

Becky Buskirk has signed up to participate in Project Education in addition to the six listed last week.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

Fall-Get-Together with Stan and Martha Cole, 7430 U.S. 24 West on this Saturday night, October 5, at 7:30 P.M.

PAPER DRIVE

The Chi Rho sponsored paper drive is this Saturday, October 5. Papers must be at the church no later than 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Bob Urich, Jim Stucky and Jim Taylor are in charge of the selling of papers. If you need pick up, please call Miriam Bixenman at the church office before Saturday.

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES

Church Worship - 292
Church School - 134
Budget Giving - $1760.75
Appeal Giving - 109.60

CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL FOR RESPONSE IN FAITH

Early during our Centennial Celebration year of 1971 the church board voted to spend about $15,000 on local building improvements and an equal amount for the expansion at the Flinn Home in Marion. The following projects and costs were completed:

Carpeting of Nave, Chapel, Halls, & Offices	$5,625.09
Interior Painting of Nave, Chapel, Offices	4,530.00
Educational Chairs and Tables	1,110.70
Office Furniture	2,227.50
Air Conditioners for Offices	520.00
Office Drapes	655.00
Outdoor Signboards: South	425.00
North	522.50
Centennial Books, Speakers, Guests, Dinners	2,296.60
Emily Flinn Home Expansion Program	15,000.00
Total Expenditures for Centennial	$32,912.39

Since no money was raised prior or during the work, the church board and congregation voted to borrow $30,000 to pay the accumulated bills and the Flinn gift.

During November and December, special pledges were received to cover the Centennial costs plus the requested Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith which was for Regional and General Capital Outreach needs. Income was to be divided 57% for the Centennial Loan and Interest and 43% for the Indiana Outreach Program. Pledges totaled $36,785.75 for the Centennial share and $27,750.65 for the Indiana share or a total of $64,536.40. These were three year commitments to be completed by December 31, 1974.

We have received a total of $53,148.96 so far on these commitments. Our loan has been reduced to $5,002.34, we have paid $3,685.17 in interest, and we have remitted $19,750.65 to the Regional Capital program.

WE ARE NOW IN THE FINAL MONTHS OF GIVING FOR THIS CASE. We have $11,387.44 yet to go to reach our Committed Amount. Let's pray and give that we can fulfill completely our intent here on this effort by December 31 of this year.

Only giving marked on the envelopes for the Appeal is credited to it. Those with commitments still due are urged to do their best to complete them. Those who have completed their special gifts might consider a final push effort in these months. New persons in our church might make special gifts to erase this past project and move it on to completion.

We rejoice in our progress to date and hopefully will now put on the push in these final three months to erase this debt and to fulfill our commitment in our Regional Church. Mark your gift on the front of the envelope if it is for "CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL"!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
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serve the Lord's Supper on each Lord's Day. Communion will be highlighted at all three of our worships--8:15 A.M.; 10:45 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

The special day offering envelopes and the total church school offering is an over-and-above offering for ministries of RECONCILIATION. $1,000 of our INDIANA RECONCILIATION money this past year came back to Fort Wayne to undergird the program of "Change Through Involvement."

INSTROTEACH WORKSHOP

A 36 hour workshop for church teachers and leaders is designed over two weekends, is designed to improve skills through self-evaluation of strengths and weaknesses. It will be held October 10-13 and October 18-20 at the New Haven United Methodist Church. Leaders include Clyde Flannery of the Regional Staff of the United Church of Christ and Chuck Johnson of the Northern Indiana Staff of the United Methodist Church. Contact Miriam Bixenman or Dr. Cline about registration.

CHURCH BASKETBALL TEAM???

Are their youth above 16 or adults interested in playing in the YMCA CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE? If so, contact the church office or Dr. Cline by this Sunday, Oct. 6. If we desire a team we must be assured of PLAYERS NOW!

CHI RHO WEINER ROAST

This Sunday afternoon, October 6 at 4:30 P.M., the Chi Rho Fellowship (all in 6th-8th grades) will meet for a weiner roast. We will meet on the Church parking lot at 4:30 P.M. and all who can or wish to do so will ride bikes (their own to Foster Park. There will be transportation for those who do not ride bikes. All food will be provided. We will return to the church by 6:45 for the usual dismissal time. Call Tom Knuckles if you live too far and wish to have someone pick you up and bring your bike to church.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The very important October Church Board meeting to vote on the new Constitution and By-Laws will be held at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, October 13. Every member of the Board needs to make every effort to be present. There will be a pitch-in meal at 12:15 P.M. with Committee meetings at 1:00 P.M. This is an important day calling for responsible participation by all of our committee and board personnel.

PANTRY NEEDS:

BABY FOOD
POWDERED MILK
PEANUT BUTTER
CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS

REMEMBER CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Bring papers to church by this Saturday, October 5 by 9:00 A.M. or call church office on Friday for any pick up.

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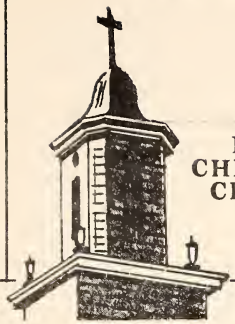

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
6:30 P.M. Busse-Falbe Wedding

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Pitch-in Dinner
1:00 P.M. Committees
2:30 P.M. Church Board
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Project Education

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
7:30 P.M. Bible Study Group, Wells', 735 Poplar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT
LARGE SIZE LADIES SLACKS
CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS
BASSINET

PRAISE GOD FOR WORSHIP JOY!

"The eight male voices came through on the opening, 'Bless the Lord, O My Soul,' and thrilled me to the bone." "I appreciated the swing of the trio singing, 'My Wonderful Lord.'" "We (the choir) did better than I expected on the anthem, 'Join Hands'", "There was movement in the hour of worship and things were happening to people." "Today was the best worship experience which I have had at First Christian."

These sentiments sound forth a very positive note in response to our worship hours on World Communion Sunday. These subjective feelings are enforced by the more objective evidence in larger attendance, stronger choir, giving over $3,300 and a transfer of membership.

The sermon for Sunday the 13th is "A SPARK OF ENTHUSIASM". Background texts include Psalms 62:1-8 and Ephesians 5:14-20.

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up to the glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it; You spread his love to everyone, you want to pass it on." SEE YOU SUNDAY!

SERVING OCTOBER 13

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Hugh Rice and Andy Cook

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Urich, D. Short, R. Johnson, T. Knuckles

10:45 A.M. D. Weaver, J. Sauerwein, R. Aker, H. Helmuth, A. Huddleston, C. Hetrick, S. Cole, R. Wortley

Deaconesses

Marguerite Quinn and Marlene Crouse

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, M. Terry, J. Stuckey

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevelier, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, K. Place

Homebound Communion

Hugh Rice and Delmas Young

Ben Taylor and Walter Gumpp

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: M216 Mrs. Mae Beck

M201 Mrs. Deann Crist

St. Joseph: 501 Mrs. Gladys Hyndemas

203 Mrs. Winnie Ferguson

Parkview: 350 Mr. Gerald Elser, Sr.

349 Mrs. Blanche Valentine

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. Neil (Susan Gumpp) Shaffer, a son, Jamie Brice on September 13, 1974.

To Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ganter (Erin Rose) of Schenectady, N.Y., a daughter Carrie Ann on September 18, 1974.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Blake Alan Shultz and Tamela Ann Tipton on October 5. They are residing at Rt. 1, Hudson, Indiana on Big Long Lake.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. DAVID COTTON, 315 W. Oakdale Dr. 07, 445-5173, transferred her membership from East Main St. Christian Church of Elwood on Sunday. Her husband is employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Sally is in the home with Chris who is in grade 1 and Chad who will be 3 in December. She also is involved in Avon Sales. We welcome Sally into our fellowship!

THANKS TO CHURCH

Thank you for prayers, calls, and especially the card from the Higdon Group while hospitalized.

Ernest Kattas

PRAY FOR MISSION PARTICIPANTS

Serving on the Lay Witness Mission team at the Wolcott Christian Church this weekend are *Peggy Buskirk, Barbara Schrock, Natalie Urich, Nancy Wortley, Jim Taylor,* and *Dawn, Denise,* and *Diana Schrock. Dean* and *Elsie Widler* are coordinating this Mission. Pray for these and also the members of this church as they look forward to this important weekend. Mrs. James (Dixie Webb) Miller, the pastor's wife there, will be one of the guest leaders for our Observation School here in November.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

$208.67 has been received to date and Special Envelopes will be received next Sunday before mailing the church's response for this ministry of bridging.

PROJECT EDUCATION

Vincent Wells becomes our eighth participant in this community effort.

DINNER -- COMMITTEES -- BOARD MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:15 P.M. PITCH-IN SUNDAY DINNER FOR ALL

This informal fellowship time is open to everyone to share Sunday dinner together. Drink and rolls will be furnished. Bring covered dishes according to family number along with table service.

1:00 P.M. ALL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES MEET

Movies will be shown in the Chapel for children or adults not on committees.

Room 301 - EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Karen Flickinger, Chr.
Room 300 - CHRISTIAN ACTION & COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE, Connie Wells, Chr.
Room 200 - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, Merle Rice, Chr.
Room 201 - INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE, Rufus Quinn, Chr.
Room 120 - Combined meeting of WORSHIP and WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEES
Room 130 - STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE, Merle Grimm, Chr.
Room 330 - PROPERTY COMMITTEE, Bud Ludwig, Chr.
Room 331 - EVANGELISM COMMITTEE, Dean Widler, Chr.

2:30 P.M. CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The agenda includes voting on the Proposed Constitution and By-Laws, the Membership Transfer By-Law section in a special vote, and an implementation motion and matters if the major motion passes.

Child Care will be programmed through Grade 6.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OCTOBER 18-20

Youth and adults are encouraged to register and attend the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church from Friday the 18th at 11:00 A.M. until Sunday's closing session in the afternoon. Already registered are: Voting Delegates: *George Bruckman, Ralph & Judy Church, Harold & Ruby Cline Miriam Bixenman, Edna Vaught,* and *Valerie Williams;* Non-Voting Delegates: *Virginia Bruckman, Chad* and *Carol Cline.*

Ruby has served as Program Chairwoman in her office as Vice-President of this Assembly. Program highlights include Mary Cosby of the Church of the Savior in Washington; Fred Craddock, Bible Lecturer from our Seminary at Phillips University; Walter Bingham, the immediate past Moderator of our General Assembly; Gilford Olmsted, our Regional Minister; and Kenneth Teagarden, our General Minister and President of the Christian Church.

Action on a new Constitution for the Region highlights the business docket. Registration is $2.50. Youth registration is $1.00 and housing is arranged in homes. Contact office or Dr. Cline to register or for further information.

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D.M.A. JOINS C.W.F. IN TRIP

The D.M.A. will join with the CWF this year in a pilgrimmage to the Flinn Home on Tuesday, October 22. Cars will leave the parking lot of the church at 12:00 noon. The D.M.A. is planning worship for the family of the home. The CWF is taking a special treat for the evening meal. All women of C.W.F. -- All widows, widowers, retirees, and older persons of D.M.A. -- Plan now to go on Tuesday, October 22 to the Flinn Home in Marion.

CALLING HIGH SCHOOLERS

The CYF this Sunday from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. will be practicing and working towards YOUTH SUNDAY which will be held at the 10:45 A.M. Worship hour on October 27. All youth of grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 are urged to be present. The youth have chosen a theme, "THE WHYS OF WORSHIP."

Ken Taylor, Schellie Schell, & Diana Wortley have registered for the CYF Retreat during Teachers Institute, October 23-25. Val Williams, Kim Johnson, Dawn Schrock, Melanie Baugher, and Chad Cline have indicated for sure they will attend. The call is out for other youth to participate from 5:00 on Wednesday to 5:00 P.M. on Friday. Send your name and $4 to the church office.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

A unique experience of joyous claiming and celebrating of faith is coming November 21-23 in Pittsburgh, Pa. We hope to fill a 46-passenger bus to leave from our parking lot! Full information on the program and costs are available. Make this a meaningful Christian fellowship!

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

A Noon luncheon on Friday, November 1, will be featured by Church Women United for World Community Day. Dr. Joanne Lantz of Regional Campus will speak on "The Choice is Ours". Cost of the luncheon is $2.50 and will be held at West Creighton Christian Church. Contact Judy Church for further information.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples
THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:00 Noon CWF and D.M.A.
Trip to Flinn Home
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Project Education

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:00 P.M. CYF Leave for Barbee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00 P.M. CYF Retreat Ends.

PANTRY NEEDS:
CANNED MEAT
VEGETABLES
FRUITS
BABY FOOD

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

Rev. Melvin R. Phillips, Executive Director of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, and Allen County, will preach at both worship hours this Sunday. His sermon theme is "NEW DIMENSIONS OF FAITHFULNESS" based on Lamentations 3:19-26 and John 17:20-23.

Elders Dean Widler and William Love will preside at the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. services respectively since Dr. Cline will be participating in the Regional Assembly at Indianapolis. He will be back to lead the Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Phillips is an ordained pastor of the American Baptist Church. He came to his present post in June of 1973 from a pastorate in New York state. He had served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Anderson, Indiana before his move to New York. While at Anderson, he served as the President of the Indiana Council of Churches.

We are currently supporting the Associated Churches by $250 on the first Sunday of each month. Weekday Christian Education is the major budget expense of this cooperative Community Christian witness.

SERVING OCTOBER 20

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Crouse and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Earl Plummer and Bert Leversee

Deacons

8:15 A.M. F. Richardson, D. Allen, B. Lehman, T. Ogles.

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson. R. Ogles, D. Short, W. Koehlinger, J. Hechler, O. McDougle, T. Frappier, R. Clifton

Deaconesses

Marguerite Quinn & Marlene Crouse

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith M. Terry, J. Stuckey

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevelier, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, K. Place

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview

725 - Mr. Gerald Elser, Sr.

349 - Mrs. Blanche Valentine

726 - Mrs. Mildred Shores

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Gary Howard Falbe and Carolyn Sue Busse on 10/12/74. They are residing at 7524-A Mill Run, 19, 747-7056. Both are members of our congregation.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Cecile Chevalier in the death of her sister several weeks ago.

To John Arruza in the death of his father, Jesus Arruza on 10/6/74.

To William DeVinney in the death of his brother, Alvin DeVinney on 10/8/74.

THANKS TO THE CHURCH

"I Praise the Lord for all the people of First Christian for their prayers and concerns for my mother in her time of sickness and need. She is feeling much better and is also thankful for all your prayers.

Deanna Ruble

THANKS FROM CHURCH

We appreciate the gift of a DuKane Super Micromatic Sound Filmstrip Projector donated to the church by Alfred and Elizabeth Pattengale of the congregation.

CYF YOUTH AND PARENTS

This is the last call for registrations for the Fall CYF Retreat to be held at Camp Barbee next Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon at Barbee Camp. We leave at 5:00 on Wednesday and will be back at 5:00 on Friday. Registration is $4 for this outing of study, relationship, and fun. Some final programming for Youth Sunday will be done during the retreat.

At 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, the 26th, the CYF is meeting at the church to move Mrs. Bixenman to her new location. At 1:00 P.M. on that Saturday will be final practice preparations for Youth Sunday at 10:45 on the 26th.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

If you have not made reservations with Judy Church, use this procedure. Send a check for $2.50 made out to Church Women United. Mail it to Church Women United, 6032 W. Hamilton Road, Roanoke, Ind. 46783. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the mailing of the ticket. Deadline is Oct. 28.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON OCTOBER 13, 1974

Three motions concerning the proposed Constitution and By-Laws were passed by the Board and come before the congregation in its fall meeting on Sunday, November 10, at 1:15 P.M. immediately following a congregational dinner. The basic approval of the Constitution and By-Laws was approved by a 55 to 1 vote or 98% approval. The vote of the paragraph on Transfer of Membership was approved by a vote of 49 to 8 or 86% approval. The Implementation motion proposed by the Constitutional Revision Committee was adopted unanimously.

Since these three measures will require at least a 2/3 vote of the congregational meeting the following materials are available from the church office for study by any member of the congregation:

1. The present Constitution and By-Laws
2. The proposed Constitution and By-Laws
3. "An Issue for Clarification" - Sermon by Dr. Cline concerning the issue of transfer of membership.
4. The Implementation Motion
5. Correction Sheet for Proposed Constitution and By-Laws mailed to membership in September.

An endorsement motion passed the board concerning the formation of Satellite Fellowships within our congregation. These would call for an intimate fellowship of our church for worship, study, service, and relationship in homes with occasional worship in the total congregation, but regular contact with the congregation and its staff. There is serious discussion of one westward in Whitley County and possibly a second in the far northeast area of Fort Wayne.

Charles Speicher was ratified for a three year term as teacher of the grade 9-10 Class.

Approval was given for entering the Church Basketball League. This is for boys and men from 16 on up. Games will normally be played on Monday evenings at the National Guard Armory. All interested persons need to sign up by October 28th in order to be on the eligibility roster.

The Worship Committee announced Christmas Eve worships at 7:00 and 11:00 P.M. and the Family groups leading in the lighting of the Advent Wreath on Sunday mornings beginning December 1. The Education Committee stressed the Observation School which will be held November 15 and 16.

Present were 15 elders, 13 deacons, 19 deaconesses, 10 other voting members, 2 professional staff, and 6 other congregational members.

MINISTRY IN CHRIST'S NAME

In addition to our special giving next February, we began supporting the Week of Compassion of the Christian Church by $100 per month from the budget in July. Our fourth such check will be mailed this coming weekend for this church year. The following card indicates the work we do in Christ's name:

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS
September 27, 1974

"Hurricane Fifi left thousands dead, hundreds of thousands homeless in Honduras. Banana crops, source of 60% of country's income, almost totally destroyed. Worst damage in richly productive Sula Valley, 90% flooded.

"Church World Service has rushed assistance. You share through your Week of Compassion Offering."

On Monday of this week we mailed $120 which is the first of three such checks this church year for the Campus Ministry at IUPU-FW.

Rev. W. Timothy Peterson has recently replaced Rev. Dan Motto in this post. Tim comes from Oakland Un., Rochester, Mich., where he was director of Student organizations. He has had pastoral experience in the East and was at one time the University Pastor at the Un. of Penn in Philadelphia. He is American Baptist and has his office in Dean Ulmer's suite in the Student Union Building.

As of this weekend, our budget has underwritten $5,545 in local and world outreach since July 1. Praise God that we can share in the many facets of Christ's ministry of love, healing, and salvation in the world today!

LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION SCHOOL

Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 and Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00 on the Weekend of November 15 and 16 will be this outstanding School for our leadership-Church School teachers and assistants, CWF Program leaders, elders, and committee chairmen. Guest leaders will teach two classes of students followed by evaluation and assimilation sessions.

DO YOU REALIZE?

14 of our members are praying daily for 225 of the members and friends of our congregation. This is strictly on a volunteer basis in response to the challenge to participate as a "Prayer Undershepherd." This first period continues through November. The door is open for questions, suggestions, or more volunteers.

TRIP TO FLINN HOME

The D.M.A. is joining the CWF for the annual pilgrimmage to the Flinn Home in Marion. We will leave the church parking lot at 12:00 noon. Call Judy Church either if you can drive or if you need picked up at your home. The D.M.A. people will lead a song fest and worship for the family there in the afternoon. The CWF is collecting gifts plus taking cake and ice cream. Mrs. Opal Heller is our only member now in the Flinn family of 150.

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-CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship, Youth leading
12:15 A.M. Coffee Hour honoring the Robert Urichs
4:00 P.M. Trick or Treat for UNICEF party
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30 P.M. District Board Meeting open to all church members at First Christian Church, Kendallville
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Project Education

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- SOUPS
- CANNED FRUIT
- LITTLE GIRL'S CLOTHING size 6, 7, & 8

YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our CYF high schoolers will be leading our worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday on the theme, "THE WHYS OF WORSHIP." Worship leaders include Schellie Schell, Gayle Smith, and Doug Allen. Val Williams, Chad Cline, Dawn Schrock, and Diana Wortley will be building the theme through dialogue. The Youth Bell Choir under the leadership of Mel Busse will be playing the Hand Bells.

Communion will be led by Cory Church, Jeff Frappier, and George Ludwig. Serving communion will be Barb Finkhousen, Sue Ludwig, Kim Johnson, Ken Taylor, Jim Shirley, Steve Frappier, Bill Schilling, and Bill Urich. Greeting and ushering will be Ken Taylor, Barb Finkhousen, Debbie Clifton, Mark Lehman, Rex Clifton, Jeff Heiney, and Dan Griggs.

Share the freshness of youth at 10:45 Worship on Sunday.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP HOUR

Our 8:15 Worship will be our traditional service with Dr. Cline preaching on "DARE WE REALLY TRUST GOD?"

SERVING OCTOBER 27

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and David Griggs

10:45 A.M. Youth serving

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Young, J. Taylor, R. Urich, R. Petty

10:45 A.M. Youth serving

Deaconesses

Barbara Taylor and Jennie Morrical

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, M. Terry, J. Stuckey

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Pat Olson and Bruce Grimm

10:45 A.M. Clint Crowe and Marty Cole

Homebound Communion

Stan Cole, William Franklin, Bruce Lehman

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran 630 Mr. Jack Gerrard

Parkview 725 Mr. Gerald Elser, Sr.

346 Mrs. Blanche Valentine

YOUTH ON LWM TEAMS

Marlene Crouse and Diana Wortley were on the Lay Witness Mission team for the Fairview Church of God, R.R. 1, Yoder.

Melanie Baugher served on the team for the Main Street Methodist Church in Logansport. We are glad for these who shared with others this past weekend.

DISTRICT I MEETING

An open meeting for the District Board of the Christian Church, with all members of the churches invited to attend at First Christian Church in Kendallville.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, at 6:30 P.M. Dinner to be served by their CWF. Call the office for reservations at $2.25 per person.

BUSINESS will include election of District officers for the year, and implications of the Regional Constitution which was approved last weekend.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY PROJECT

BRING LAYETTES AND PLACE IN THE BOX AT THE SOUTH DOOR BY FRIDAY NOON, NOVEMBER 1.

CYF YOUTH

Work project of moving Mrs. Bixenman on Saturday beginning at 9:30 including a served lunch. Final practice for Youth Sunday will be at 1:00 P.M.

URICHS TO CALIFORNIA

The Robert Urich family will be moving to California where Bob has accepted employment. Class 58 and the Chancel Choir will honor them by hosting a Coffee Hour for them after our 10:45 Worship next Sunday. All are invited to share greetings since this will be Bob's last Sunday here.

CHOOSE A WEEKEND:

November 15 & 16 - LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION SCHOOL here Friday, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.; Saturday: 9:00 to 3:00

November 21-23 - FESTIVAL OF FAITH in Pittsburg, Pa. Sign up for the bus trip and this faith highlight.

YOUTH TO COLLEGE

Ball State University
Deborah Allen
Rebecca Banet
Carolyn Burkett
Joyce Howell
Debbie Nordblom
Nancy Skelton
Patty Wetzel

Bethany College
Sally Cline

Brite Seminary, Texas Christian University
Ed Allen, Jr.

DePauw University
Gary Parkinson

Indiana University, Bloomington
James Brickley
Cindy Hunt
Barbara Love
Nathan Love
Sandy Meadows
Lee Ann Penny
Richard Penny
Tom Penny

IUPU-REGIONAL CAMPUS
Julia Crouse
James Taylor
Barbara Taylor
Doug Olson
Jill Franklin
Linda Yentes
Joe Snouffer
Jim Wilhelm

PURDUE UNIVERSITY-Lafayette
Barry Nordblom

Tri-State College
Tom Banet

Please notify the church office if there are errors or corrections. We desire to have all mailing addresses away from the family.

UNICEF HALLOWEEN PARTY

This Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. our children in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, plus our Chi Rho Youth to help, are asked to go "Trick or Treating" for UNICEF here in the neighborhood of the church, and to a Halloween Party planned by the 58 Class. Children are asked to come in costume (there will be prizes for the most original and for the funniest costumes) and all are asked to be here promptly at 4:00. Adults and older youth will accompany the children as they go "Trick of Treating." There will be games, prizes, and refreshments at the party following. Children may be picked up at 6:30. Helping with this party will replace the regular Chi Rho meeting.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

Christian Literature Week is November 3-9. We will have a book display on two Sundays, November 3 & 10. Lois Finkhousen will be in charge of the display, which contains a number of new books on a variety of subjects, plus some familiar ones. These books are for sale. Buy several for yourself or for Christmas gifts. Some children's books are included, but we will have an additional supply of books in late November and early December, designed especially as Christmas gifts for children. Both displays will be in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to visit them and make your selections. There is only one copy of each book, but additional copies may be ordered.

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Your outreach gifts, prayers and day by day witness, linked together in Christ with millions of others, provides spiritual and physical nuture to those in need.

Your remittance has been credited as follows:

Operating, undesignated	$600.00
Capital, undesignated	$400.00

On behalf of those blessed by your sharing, thank you for a love that remains constant.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur M. Detamore,
Vice President and Sec.
Church Finance Council

This letter was received in response to our Basic Mission Finance check to Christian Church Outreach during September. Our fourth monthly check of this church will be sent this Sunday! Praise God for sharing!

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN OUR OBSERVATION SCHOOL - November 15, 16

Our Minister of Education has enlisted the following leaders to come and help us to grow:

Nursery - Evelyn Montooth of Crescent Avenue Methodist Church
Kindergarten - ???
Grade 1 and 2 - Barbara Carey of Peru
Grade 3 and 4 - Gale Saltzman, Minister's wife, Decatur, Illinois
Grade 5 and 6 - Dixie Miller, Minister's wife, Wolcott, Indiana
Grade 7 and 8 - Karen Warren, Associate Pastor, South Side Christian Church, Kokomo, Indiana
Grade 9 - 12 - John Hinant, Associate Pastor, Northwood Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
Adult - ???

This outstanding staff being secured should arouse interest on present, past and future teachers and leaders. It is a growth opportunity for all.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, Nov. 2

10:00 A.M. CWF Exec. Brd. Mtg. Church Parlor

SUNDAY, Nov. 3

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

MONDAY, NOV. 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Val Taylor, 5215 Werling Drive

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Reba Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Project Education

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Gwynth Rice, 7001 Premiere.
7:30 P.M. Hidgon Group, Helen Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun St.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

7:30 P.M. CYF HAYRIDE

PANTRY NEEDS
SUGAR
BABY FOOD
DIAPERS

NOVEMBER-THANKSGIVING

SERMONS FOR WORSHIP

Dr. Cline will preach concerning overcoming worry and two aspects of prayer this month.

"How to Overcome Worry"
Nov. 3 - "Trust God with Yourself" Ephesians 1:3-14
Nov. 10 - "Trust God With Your Circumstances" Romans 8:28-39
Nov. 17 - "Responding with a Prayer of Joy' Philippians 4
Nov. 24 - "Giving Thanks Daily" at 8:15 A.M.; "Praise Through Hymns" led by choirs at 10:45 A.M.

RADIO BROADCAST

Our four services at 8:15 A.M. will be recorded and played at the 10:30 A.M. radio worship time over WGL. We encourage our sick and homebound to listen in on our worship hour. Listen in at 1250 on the radio dial beginning this Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M.

PANTRY CORNUCOPIA

We are stressing the bringing of food gifts for our Pantry during November. We will have our Thanksgiving Cornucopia in the Chancel. This is a reminder of ThanksGIVING. Food gifts will be shared during each worship hour of the month.

We are deeply indebted to Betty Grimm and her staff of volunteers

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SERVING NOVEMBER 3

Elders

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, C. Ludwig.

10:45 A.M. William Love, R. Quinn

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Johnson, D.Weaver, R. Hendricks, C. Hetrick

10:45 A.M. A.E. Huddleston, H. Helmuth, R. Wortley, J.Sauerwein, S. Cole, F. Richardson, D. Allen

Deaconesses

Barbara Taylor and Jennie Morrical

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman. G. Hunt, M. Olson, R. Flickinger

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R.Chevalier, M. Finkhousen, T. Weirick, G. Bozarth

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. D. Clifton, M. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran

593 Mr. Willis Van Alstine

M 201 Mrs. Charlene Craig

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. June Williams and family in the death of her mother in West Virginia.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Teresa Meadows at Indiana University - Bloomington

Murial Crouse - Regional Campus of IUPU

Please inform us and give us addresses for any others!

OCTOBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	297
Church School	154
Budget Giving	$1923.11
Appeal Giving	166.50

New Member: Mrs. Sally Cotton

THANKS FOR UNICEF PARTY

Thanks goes to 58 Class for hosting the children for the UNICEF TRICK OR TREAT Halloween Party. The children collected $87.62 for this very worthy humanitarian cause.

PRAY FOR MEMBERS SHARING FAITH

Our members will be sharing in three other congregations this week-end.

Barbara Schrock is on the Lay Witness Mission Team Coordinated by Jim Hollingsworth at Beech Grove Christian Church.

Dean and Elsie Widler are coordinating a Lay Witness II team for the United Church of Morocco in Morocco, Ind. Going with them are Jim Stucky, Becky Buskirk, and Rose Krull. This is Rose's home church.

Slated to serve under the leadership of Everett Kussman for a Lay Witness Mission at the University Park Christian Church in Indianapolis are Rocky, Lee, and Melanie Baugher, Nancy Wortley, Natalie Urich, Val Taylor, Chad Cline, Dawn and Denise Schrock.

Pray for these who share and for the congregations who will be finding new life and love in Christ.

WORSHIP HOUR WILL BE BROADCAST OVER WGL DURING NOVEMBER ON SUNDAY 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.

LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION SCHOOL-NOVEMBER 15 & 16

Demonstrations by guest leaders being observed by our participants followed by evaluation provides an excellent learning opportunity. The heart of our church leadership should participate in the various age levels of this School which involves a Friday night and Saturday from 9:00 to 3:30 P.M. Registration is without cost for our people, but the forms need to be filled out and returned to the church office or Miriam Bixenman.

The very outstanding staff of guest leaders should cause all of us to make sacrifices to attend:

ADULT - Mrs. Joan Bobbit, Director of Christian Education of Hazelwood Christian Church in Muncie for many years. Joan has given capable leadership in her congregation and in the Region. She has served on Faith at Work leadership teams.

YOUTH II & III - Rev. John Hinant, Associate Pastor of Northwood Christian in Indianapolis and former Minister of Christian Education of our National City Christian Church. John brings a wealth of training and experience to our youth workers.

YOUTH I - Dr. Karen Warren, Associate Pastor of South Side Christian Church in Kokomo. She brought her youth to present "THE PARABOLA" to us last January. Karen is a gifted young woman minister who received her doctorate from Brite Seminary, Texas Christian University in 1973.

ELEMENTARY III - Mrs. Dixie Miller, who is currently the pastor's wife at Wolcott. Dixie is a ordained minister of Christian education and served the Central Church in Kankakee, Ill., and the Meadlawn Church in Indianapolis. Dixie was the first summer Intern with Dr. Cline in Kokomo and finished her M. Div. at Christian Theological Seminary.

ELEMENTARY II - Mrs. Gale Salzman, who is a pastor's wife of the United Methodist Church in Decatur, Ill. Gale is the sister of Mrs. Bixenman and is a certified elementary teacher in the training program of the Methodist Church.

ELEMENTARY I - Mrs. Barbara Cary, who is currently in First Christian Church of Peru. Barbara served as the Director of Christian Education for the West Creighton Church here and had been an active chairwoman of Christian education in our Central Church of Huntington.

KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Jeannette Finney, who is a certified Kindergarten teacher from the United Methodist Church in Decatur, Illinois.

NURSERY - Mrs. Evelyn Montooth, who is a certified Nursery level teacher from Crescent Avenue Methodist Church here in the city.

PLAN AND REGISTER NOW FOR THE OBSERVATION SCHOOL!

NOVEMBER-THANKSGIVING

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for countless hours of stocking our supplies and responding to referrals. This program provides emergency food and clothing upon referral of Welfare Social Workers who cannot help in other ways.

Pantry Report: July-Sept. 1974

Food Referrals	39
Days of Food	108
Adults Served	55
Children Served	100
Total Individ. Meals	317
Clothing Referrals	18
Adults Served	8
Children Served	90

If any desire to give monetary gifts for the Pantry Program, be sure that "Pantry" is marked along with the amount of the gift.

OUR RECONCILIATION GIVING:

- -Seeks to help solve problems of race, poverty, and urban crisis.
- -Funds well chosen self-help projects, where there is local initiative and responsibility, when help cannot be secured elsewhere, and where there is anticipation of continuing beyond initial efforts.
- -Works right close to home in our own state of Indiana.
- -Reconciles people.

Our 1973 World Communion Offering for Reconciliation - $148.13.

Our 1974 World Communion Offering for Reconciliation - $257.67.

In addition the budget is remitting $100 per month for this ministry since July 1, 1974.

C.Y.F. ALIVE

THANKS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY

Thanks to the 21 youth who led so ably on Sunday, namely, Doug Allen, Cory Church, Rex & Debbie Clifton, Chad Cline, Jeff & Steve Frappier, Barb Finkhousen, Dan Griggs, Kim Johnson, George & Sue Ludwig, Schellie Schell, Bill Schilling, Dawn Schrock, Jim Shirley, Gayle Smith, Ken Taylor, Bill Urich, Val Williams & Diana Wortley. Thanks also to Russell and Nancy Wortley for their leadership to the youth.

C.Y.F. STUDY - An intensive study begins this coming Sunday evening on a vital subject which should call for every high schooler in any way related to our fellowship. Tapes, discussion, and interaction will be used to face the issues of love, sex, and marriage. The basic input resource will be dialogue tapes of Dr. Charlie Shedd as they are edited from his appearances across the contry. This study begins on November 3 at 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. Join in for this important series dealing with a basic life impulse from a Christian perspective.

C.Y.F. HAYRIDE - All high schoolers with or without a guest or date are invited for Saturday night, November 9. Cost is $1.00 which includes food. Cars will leave the parking lot at 7:30 P.M. Make reservations by calling the office or Mrs. Nancy Wortley by Friday, November 8. The hayride and weiner roast will be held at Stines Triple S Ranch.

GET IN ON THE FUN!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:00 P.M. Meeting of interested persons with choir to plan Christmas programs

7:30 P.M. CYF Hayride

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

12:15 P.M. Pitch-in Dinner

1:15 P.M. Congregation Meeting

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Mildred Hartman, 422 Oakdale

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Parlor Mamie Caldwell, hostess

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Delores Overmyer, 5443 Winchester Road

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. Leadership Observation School begins

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 A.M. Leadership Observation School

DINNER AND MEETING

This Sunday is the day for an all-church pitch-in dinner at 12:15 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. Rolls and drink are furnished. Bring covered dishes appropriate for the family size.

In the fall of 1971, a goal was set to revise our constitution and by-laws during 1973. This process has taken longer than expected and we are now ready for the final congregational vote. Every member of the congregation is urged to be present and voting.

After introduction and discussion the congregational votes will be taken.

1. *The basic approval of the document expect Transfer of Membership in By-laws.*
2. *The paragraph on Transfer of Membership.*
3. *An Implementation Motion*

These items are coming with board recommendation by 98%, 86%, and 100% approval of the board in October.

The Proposed Constitution and By-Laws were mailed to the membership in September. The church office has the following items for preparatory

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SERVING NOVEMBER 10

Elders

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and William Crouse

Deacons

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, J. Hechler, W. Koehlinger, O. McDougle

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, T. Frappier, D. Short, R. Clifton, R. Ogles, E. Allen, J. Taylor, V. Moore

Deaconesses

Barbara Taylor and Jennie Morrical

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Hunt, M. Olson, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, M. Finkhousen, T. Weirick, G. Bozarth

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Dan Church and Steve Grimm

10:45 A.M. Bobbi Johnson and Denise Schrock

Homebound Communion

Bert Leversee - Walter Bowen
Rolland Ripple - Robert Johnson

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran M-201 Mrs. Charlene Craig
593 - Mr. Willis Van Alstine
In and dismissed: David Crebb and DeAnn Crist

St. Joseph 305 Mrs. Edna Saxon

Parkview Mr. Richard Arthur (father of Ramona Ketner)

FRUIT CAKES AVAILABLE

The Kepple Group has Fruit Cakes available at a cost of $1.35 each. Call Mrs. Virginia Bruckman, 485-0168.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES, POWDERED MILK

GIVING IS LIVING

ANTICIPATED INCOME - On the basis of commitments received in the spring, our anticipated income for the first third of our church year was $36,250.80.

ACTUAL INCOME - Our budget giving for July 1 through October 31 was $31,056.15 or $5,194.65 less than anticipated.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES - Expenditures for the period were held to $31,820.68. Can we catch up with our intentions by December 31? We have our annual insurance bill now due of $1,426. Our giving is a partnership of enablement! Life is fulfilled by giving!

Our Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving effort is slated to end on December 31. We are currently short slightly over $10,000 of the pledged amount in December of 1971. We need gifts designated for this completion of responsibility. Gifts - large and small - can end this special effort.

OFFERING PRAYER HYMN

During November we are singing the following song as our offering prayer:

Thy work, O God, needs many hands
To help thee everywhere
And some there are who cannot serve
Unless our gifts we share.

Because we love thee and thy work,
Our offering now we make;
Be pleased to use it as thine own,
We ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Tom and Stacie Ogles, a son, Michael Cory, on October 15, 1974. Mr and Mrs. Robert Ogles are grandparents.

REGISTER NOW FOR LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION SCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS are now due for the unique leadership development experience on Friday night and Saturday, November 15 and 16. The time involvement is Friday evening from 7:00 until 9:30 P.M. and Saturday, 9:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. A catered lunch on Saturday noon is optional at a cost of $1.50.

Additional forms are available in the church office. You may call the church office to register. The excellent leadership enlisted for this event makes it imperative to make every possible sacrifice in order to participate.

Every Church School teacher and leader needs to consider this a MUST. Similarly for every elder and CWF group leader. Likewise for youth counselors and small group leaders. People who are concerned for meaningful growth and development of children, youth, and adults can profit from enrolling and learning from observing capable and experienced leaders. This is for present leadership and also for persons who might serve in coming years.

REGISTER NOW FOR FESTIVAL OF FAITH IN PITTSBURGH

One of the six FESTIVALS OF FAITH sponsored across the nation by our brotherhood will be Thursday evening, November 21 until Saturday noon, November 23 in Pittsburgh, Pa. We are trying to fill a 46-passenger bus from our Parking Lot.

This is designed to be an enthusiastic and inspirational gathering to claim our faith, to celebrate our faith, to proclaim our faith, and to reaffirm our faith. It is also an opportunity to participate in a meaningful trip together with other Christians.

Costs are as follows:

REGISTRATION - $10 - This is in groups of 10 or more from here

BUS TICKET - $18

MOTEL for two nights and two main Friday MEALS - $25.15 in triple or Quad rooms.

We are needing to know reservations for the bus by this coming Monday, November 11. Even if there is insufficient for a bus, carloads will be going from here.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

SPECIAL MUSIC - Donald Marsh

SPEAKERS: William C. Pannell of Tom Skinner Associates
Mrs. E.C. Rowand, Dynamic pastor's wife of Dallas, Texas

BIBLE STUDY - Dr. T.J. Liggett, President of Christian Theological Seminary

INTERACTION LEADER - Harold Johnson of Indianapolis
Also witnesses and leaders of models of witness

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FESTIVAL OF FAITH (from page three)

Our Ruby Cline is presiding at the Friday morning session and Dr. Cline is leading on Models of Witness.

Registration froms and further information is available at the church office or hallway window ledges.

DINNER AND MEETING (from page one)

study:

1. Present Constitution & By-laws.
2. Proposed Constitution & By-laws.
3. Correction Sheet for copy of Proposed Constitution & By-laws mailed in September.
4. Implementation motion
5. Sermon - "An Issue for Clarification by Dr. Cline.

Child Care will be provided during the congregational meeting. School age children will have movies in the Chapel. We are hiring outside help so that all members can share in the meeting.

INVITATION TO CHURCH:

You are cordially invited to the Dedication of the new building of Central Christian Church, 500 McGahn Street, Huntington, Indiana on November 24, 1974.

3:00 P.M. Service of Dedication
4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Reception and Open House
7:00 P.M. An Evening of Music

The Rev. David C. Downing, Minister

NOVEMBER IS PANTRY MONTH!

Bring food items to share during worship each Sunday of this month. We started slowly--let's fill the Chancel cornucopia to overflowing in our concern to help feel emergency need situations!

NEW ADDRESS FOR MRS. BIXENMAN

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, our Minister of Christian Education is now residing at 4430 Wilmette Drive, 06 with the phone number of 745-3365. She has been on vacation since October 27 and will return on November 8.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

In the quarterly PANTRY REPORT last week in THE TIDINGS, the number of Total Individual meals should have been 1,317 rather than just 317. "One" makes a big difference!

C.Y.F.'ERS:

Remember to call in reservations by Friday for the Hayride this Saturday night the 9th. Meet on Parking Lot at 7:30 P.M.

Charlie Shedd speaks openly and helpfully as a backdrop for interaction on questions of youth on love, sex, and marriage. Come Sunday from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M.

CALL FOR SINGERS

Singers are encouraged to practice each Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 as our Chancel Choir prepares for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Persons interested in planning a special Christmas program of music and dramatic readings for outside groups are invited this Saturday at 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "How to Overcome Worry" "Trust God With Your Circumstances" Romans 8:28-39

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 and NOVEMBER 16
Leadership Observation School

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Sermon: "RESPONDING WITH A PRAYER OF JOY"
4:30 P.M. CYF Executive Meeting
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
8:00 P.M. FCC vs. Fort Wayne Gospel Temple

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
1:00 P.M. CWF Harvest Tea
7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
7:30 P.M. Bible Study Group, Wortley's, 2229 Drake

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: *We want to thank all of those who give faithfully to the Pantry and its needs. We wouldn't be serving people without you.*

OBSERVATION SCHOOL

This Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, is our LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION SCHOOL. Registration is open to any member or friend of First Christian as well as leaders from sister congregations.

The School is designed to upgrade our Church School teaching, youth fellowships, CWF groups, and other leadership and participation learning experiences among our congregation. Sign up NOW by calling the Church office by 12:00 noon on Friday the 15th.

Methods of presenting materials will be demonstrated and there will be time for evaluation and discussion Saturday lunch is available at a cost of $1.50 per person.

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, our Minister of Education, has enlisted the following outstanding staff to lead us:

Adult: Mrs. Joan Bobbitt
Director of Christian Education
Hazelwood Christian Church,
Muncie, Indiana

Youth II and III (grades 9-12)
Rev. John Hinant
Associate Pastor, Northwood Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

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SERVING NOVEMBER 17

Elders

8:15 A.M. Hugh Rice and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and Earl Plummer

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Young, R. Cole, G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. D. Pomeroy, R. Petty, W. Bowen, R. Hendricks, W. Gumpp, A. Huddleston, T. Knuckles, R. Johnson

Deaconesses

Doris Sauerwein and Virginia Bruckman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Hunt, M. Olson, R. Flickinger

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, M. Finkhousen, T. Weirick, G. Bozarth

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Anne Lee and Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Brenna Ruble and Lorinda Ruble

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 305 Mrs. Edna Saxon
613 Mrs. Emma Schell

Lutheran:
593 Mr. Willis VanAlstine

THANKS FOR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers in Worship on Sunday, November 3 were in Memory of David Hogg from Don and Pauline Eyer. They were taken to Robert Clipp after worship.

ALL WOMEN INVITED

The C.W.F. Harvest Tea will be at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 19. Mrs. Seymour Weller, the wife of the Rabbi of B'nai Jacob Synagogue is the guest speaker. Worship will be led by Mrs. Ruby Cline. Hosting the occasion is the Kepple Group. Women are urged to come and bring friends and guests.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

During this month, we are taping our 8:15 A.M. service for broadcast at 10:30 to 11:30 over WGL-1250 on the radio dial. Those in both hours are urged to share in ThanksGIVING of Pantry food items. We desire to fill our Cornucopia to full and overflowing in our concern to minister to human needs in the name of Christ. Spread the word both about the radio broadcast and also the food being collected during worship.

CALLING CYF YOUTH

All youth of grades 9 through 12 are invited from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. each Sunday. There is serious listening to the outstanding Charlie Shedd and discussion among the group on "Love, Sex, and Marriage." A basic foundation from a Christian perspective is needed by all youth.

SERMON SUNDAY

Dr. Cline focuses on one aspect of prayer this Sunday, "RESPONDING WITH A PRAYER OF JOY." Philippians 4. Come and worship during THANKSGIVING MONTH. PRAISE GOD WITH HIS PEOPLE!

CONGREGATION VOTES NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The action of the congregation on Sunday afternoon completed the basic work of the Constitutional Revision process discussed for years and in actual process for nearly two years.

The motion to approve the Constitution and By-Laws except item I, B of the By-Laws was approved.

The motion to approve the section on Transfer of Membership, I,B of the By-Laws was approved by paper balloting which when tabulated received approval by 82.6% of those voting.

The Implementation motion was then approved. This sets the procedures to make the new constitution and by-laws fully functioning as of January 1, 1975. It establishes the basis of an Interim Personnel Committee, vacates all offices as of December 31, 1974, provides for uneven terms to get us rotating properly again on our church year, and determines the initial tenures to make the new organizational pattern most functional.

Judy Church, Margaret Love, Jim Ruble, and Janet Weicker were elected to serve with Hugh Rice, George Bruckman, Robert Johnson, Lois Finkhousen, and Bert Leversee as the Interim Personnel Committee. The other nominees were Merle Grimm, Barbara Schrock, Jerry Zimmerman, and Nancy Wortley. (Note: The first eight people approached to be nominated for this responsibility accepted. This spirit of willingness is desired as we move into our new organizational pattern.)

Thanks was expressed to the Revision Committee including: Jim Ruble, Chairman, Sara Davis, Secretary, Mildred Hartman, Janet Weicker, William Love, and Hugh Rice and Harold Cline, exofficio.

December 8 is the target date for the next congregational dinner and meeting to elect the various officers, elders, deacons, and deaconesses for the future of our congregation.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Emil Crebb on November 12, 1974. Sympathy is extended to his wife and son, David, and family.

WORSHIP ON RADIO

Listen from 10:30 to 11:30 each Sunday of this month over WGL-1250 to our Worship Hour if you cannot join us in our Worship Nave.

PASTOR AT INDIANAPOLIS

Dr. Cline spent Sunday evening through Tuesday noon in meetings of the Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church. This 45 member group meets three times each year.

PANTRY NEEDS:

CEREAL, CRACKERS, MACARONI, NOODLES

YOUTH I (grades 7 & 8) - Dr. Karen Warren
Associate Pastor, South Side Christian Church, Kokomo, Indiana
ELEMENTARY III (grades 5 & 6) - Mrs. Dixie Miller
Minister's Wife and former Minister of Christian Education, Wolcott, Indiana
ELEMENTARY II (grades 3 & 4) - Mrs. Gale Salzman
Certified Elementary Teacher, United Methodist Minister's Wife, Decatur, Illinois
ELEMENTARY I (grades 1-2) - Mrs. Barbara Carey
Former Director of Christian Education, Peru, Indiana
KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Jeanette Finney
Certified Kindergarten Teacher of United Methodist Church, Decatur, Illinois
NURSERY - Mrs. Evelyn Montooth
Certified Teacher of Nursery level of United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. Planning Session in Age Groupings
7:30 P.M. First Observation Class
8:30 P.M. Evaluation of Session

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 A.M. Planning Session in Age Groupings
10:00 A.M. Second Observation Class
11:00 A.M. Evaluation of Session
12:00 Noon - Served Lunch at $1.50 per person (need reservations)
1:30 P.M. Plenary Session with Visiting Leaders in Age Groupings
3:00 P.M. Closing Worship

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

The south Fort Wayne Churches will join together for a special worship at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 27, at the Calvary Presbyterian Church at 1020 Capitol. Father John Gillig and Rev. Marvin Deerhake will bring meditations.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH

The last call is out for registrations to go to Pittsburgh, on November 21-23 for the FESTIVAL OF FAITH. The purpose is to highlight evangelism and renewal in the life of the Christian Churches. Contact Dr. Cline immediately about registrations and carloads going from here.

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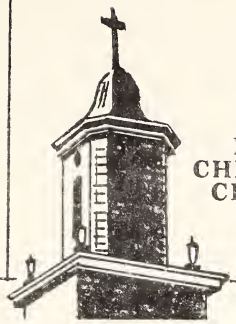

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Thanksgiving and Praise Service - Choirs leading
3:00 P.M. Dedication of Central Christian Church in Huntington
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho Hayride
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
8:00 P.M. FCC vs. Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Covered Dish Dinner and Travelogue
7:00 P.M. Youth and Bell Choir
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
8:00 P.M. Interim Lay Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:30 P.M. Community Thanksgiving Service, Calvary Presbyterian

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving Day - Church Closed

PANTRY NEEDS:
CANNED MEAT, MAIN DISH MEALS

THANKSGIVING WORSHIPS

Our 8:15 Worship Hour will focus on a sermon, "GIVING THANKS DAILY" by Dr. Cline. This regular worship hour will be taped for our final November broadcast at 10:30 A.M. over WGL - 1250.

Our 10:45 A.M. Worship will be a THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE THROUGH MUSIC featuring our three choirs. Singing, special music, and readings will give this a very differend flavor from our usual Sunday.

Our 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship will focus on a spontaneous Thanksgiving expression by the participants. This informal, communion service is held in the church parlor.

THANKS - GIVING

This Sunday concludes five months of our current budget year--All budget giving is needed. It is also ending the next to last month of Appeal Giving. Yes, we need the regular offerings.

During November, we have been underscoring the bringing of food items for our Pantry program by our

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SERVING NOVEMBER 24

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and David Griggs

7:00 P.M. Ben Taylor

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Weaver, H. Helmuth, C. Hetrick, J. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. T. Ogles, R. Aker, R. Wortley, S. Cole, F. Richardson D. Allen, B. Lehman, T. Frappier

Deaconesses

Doris Sauerwein and Virginia Bruckman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Hunt, M. Olson, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Finkhousen, T. Weirick, G. Bozarth

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Pat Olson, Bruce Grimm

10:45 A.M. Brenna & Lorinda Ruble

Homebound Communion

William Crouse - John Hechler

Dean Widler - Robert Hendricks

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran 563 Mr. James Goins

St. Joseph 323 Mrs. Melody Lehman

429 Mrs. Winnie Ferguson

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Edna Saxon, a member for many years. Services were on November 20, 1974. She was very faithful until her illness in the spring. She was 96.

SPECIAL CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 26, with specail emphasis in preparations for the Christ Child Festival Music.

INVITATIONS TO CONGREGATION

Sunday, November 24 - Dedication of new building of Central Christian Church of Huntington:

3:00 P.M. Service of Dedication

4:30 P.M. Open House Begins

7:00 P.M. Evening of Music

Saturday, November 30 - Wedding Ceremony of Michael Joseph Waggoner and Nancy Lou Skelton in our Worship Nave at 11:30 A.M.

Sunday, December 1 - Dedication of Sanctuary and Auxiliary Rooms of North Christian Church 5201 Camden Drive, Fort Wayne

Dedication Service with Dr. Gilford Olmsted preaching at 2:30 P.M. with reception following.

THANKS TO CHURCH:

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and especially Dr. Cline's visits during my recent hospitalization.

Charlene Craig

Thank you for the love and concern expressed to me in cards, visits, and especially those of Dr. Cline while we have been members here. We are moving to be close to family in Terre Haute.

Mae and Cecil Beck

FAMILY ON LWM

We failed to announce that Rocky, Lee, and Melanie Baugher were on a Lay Witness team at the Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert this past weekend. It was coordinated by Robert Isabell and Charles Hopper.

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Our Church is sponsoring a Church League team this year for those 16 and above. Our enrolled players include: Doug Allen Larry Busse, Mel Busse, Chad Cline, Ron Flickinger, Doug Olson, Jim Shirley, Jim Stuckey, Bill Urich, and Joe Wiley. Others are welcome to sign up and play--$10 is asked of each.

The team lost their first game and then won the second. Their schedule at the Armory includes:

11/25-8:00 P.M. FCC vs. Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren
12/2-6:00 P.M. FCC vs. Shoaff Park Baptist
12/9-9:00 P.M. FCC vs. Lake Ave. Nazarene
12/16-6:00 P.M. FCC vs. Westminister Presbyterian
1/6-7:00 P.M. FCC vs. Immanuel Baptist
1/13-Tournament beging

The team is practicing this Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren if you desire to join the team.

SOME CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS

All-Church Caroling - 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 22. We will again use two chartered buses for this celebrating of Christmas through singing across our community. Children, youth, and adults are urged to sing and fellowship together.

Christmas Eve Worships

7:00 P.M. - Family and Children's Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 P.M. - Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship

CHI RHO HAY RIDE

The Chi Rho Fellowship (grades 6-8) will have a hayride this Sunday evening, November 24. Please meet at the church at 4:00 P.M. We will return here by 7:00. Bring $1.00 for the hayride. Food will be furnished. You are invited to bring a guest ($1 for a guest also) Be sure to dress warmly. In case the ground is too muddy for a hayride, the weiner roast will be here at the church.

SCHEDULED PAPER DRIVE

The next Chi Rho Paper Drive will be on Saturday, January 11. Papers may be brought and stored on the stage of the Fellowship Hall behind the curtains from now till then. Save papers! They will be appreciated.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. - Regular Worship with sermon by Dr. Cline. This service is broadcast at 11:30 A.M. over WGL-1250.

10:45 A.M. - Thanksgiving and Praise through Music - Choirs leading.

7:00 P.M. - Celebration Thanksgiving Worship

Bring food for Thanksgiving Cornucopia at any service.

Special Thanksgiving Outreach Offering in Special envelopes and total Church School giving.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH IN PITTSBURGH

Seven of our members including Miriam Bixenman, Valerie Williams, Harold, Ruby, Chad, and Carol Cline are participating in the Festival of Faith this Thursday through Saturday noon in Pittsburgh, Pa.

THANKS - GIVING (from page one)
Thanksgiving Cornucopia on the chancel. We encourage every person to fill the Chancel to overflowing this Sunday. Monetary gifts for Pantry need to be clearly indicated.

Our Special Thanksgiving offering will be received this Sunday. Last year we received $525 in the Special Giving Envelopes and Church School offering of the day. This is used for Basic Mission Finance of Christian Church Outreach. This is the operational budget needs of our ministry and mission expressed in the regional, national, and world levels.

"We are celebrating a time of thanks and a time of giving. But more than anything, this is a time to remember everything that came from the gracious hand of the Lord, the substance of our redeemed existance, our new humanity.

"What we are is a gift from God. We didn't pay for it. St. Paul expressed the immensity of our wealth and riches in terms of a great and collossal prize from heaven:

'For all things are yours, whether Paul or Appollas, or Peter or the world, or life, or death or things present, or things to come; all are yours; for you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.'"

(I Cor. 3:21-23)

D.M.A. NEXT WEEK

Join the D.M.A. for a pitch-in dinner and a Travelogue by Rolland and Genevieve Ripple next Tuesday the 26th at 12:00 Noon in our Fellowship Hall.

C.Y.F. ACTIVE AND PLANNING

Eight youth enjoyed the stimulus of the Observation School. Ten youth and three adults shared Sunday evening as the series on "Love, Sex, and Marriage" continued.

Plans for the future include:

WORSHIP LEADERS
11/24 - S. Schell & D. Wortley
12/1 - D. Wortley & K. Taylor
12/8 - K. Taylor & M. Baugher
12/15 - M. Baugher & D. Schrock
12/29 - D. Schrock & V. Williams

CYF CHRISTMAS PARTY

7:30 P.M. on Sunday evening, December 22 at the home of Russ and Nancy Wortley, 2229 Drake

CYF NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

8:00 P.M. at Church on December 31. A Progressive Dinner Party will continue to midnight; a worship will be held at 12:00; an over-night party will continue till morn.

ALL YOUTH OF GRADES NINE TO TWELVE ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE!

SOUTH FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Our south cluster of cooperating churches will worship at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, November 24 at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1701 Capitol Avenue. Father John Gillig and Rev. Marvin Deerhake will give Thanksgiving Mediations. Dr. Cline is leading the special offering which will be received for CROP.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:30 A.M. CWF Executive Meeting
11:30 A.M. Skelton-Waggoner Wedding
1:00 P.M. Advent Wreath hanging

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00 A.M. Study Group
6:00 P.M. Basketball, FCC vs. Shoaff Park Baptist
6:30 P.M. Brummel Group Potluck, Andrea Benny, 7710 Newlin
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Sara Smith, 3937 Meda Pass
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
8:00 P.M. Interim Lay Personnel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:30 A.M. Spice Group Potluck, Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton
7:30 P.M. Bible Study, Zimmerman's 4223 Beaver

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ADVENT SEASON BEGINS

Sunday, we will begin lighting our Advent Wreath in preparation for the celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. The sermons for the month will underline the truth of the Christmas story that God has come in the flesh and its implications for our lives and our world today.

Our Hymn of the Month will be:

"O SON OF GOD INCARNATE"

"O Son of God incarnate,
O Son of man divine!
In whom God's glory dwelleth,
In whom man's virtues shine;
God's light to earth Thou bringest
To drive sin's night away,
And through Thy life so radiant
Earth's darkness turns to day.

O Mind of God incarnate,
O Thought in flesh enshrined!
In human form Thou speakest
To men the Father's mind;
God's thought to earth Thou bringest
That men in Thee may see
What God is like and seeing,
Think God's tho'ts after Thee.

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SERVING DECEMBER 1

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Love and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and Dean Widler

Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Hechler, W. Koehlinger, D. Short, R. Ogles

10:45 A.M. O. McDougle, R. Clifton, V. Moore, D. Pomeroy, J. Taylor, W. Bowen, R. Hendricks, R. Petty

Deaconesses

Doris Sauerwein and Virginia Bruckman

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Tim Sauerwein and Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Anne Frappier, and Diana Schrock

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

St. Joseph: 323 Mrs. Melody Lehman
429 Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are welcome to help make and hang the Advent Wreath this Saturday, November 30, beginning at 1:00 P.M.

THANKSGIVING THANK YOU

To Rev. Cline and Members of First Christian Church

Our hearts are full of thanks and prayers for all the nice things you have done for us. A special thanks to the men of the Progressive Class who have come each week to help Bob out of bed and in the wheel chair.

Bob and Esther Clipp

PANTRY NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUITS, POWDERED MILK (we also have a special need for a Crib)

STAFF ADJUSTMENTS

Barbara Short is leaving the office for maternity leave as of the first of December. She will be working some days, though *Nancy Wortley*, our assistant secretary, will carry the main load for the coming months.

Arthur Mowery has been ordered off his feet pending surgery on December 16. May we share in prayer for the important surgery on his foot or leg!

NOVEMBER AVERAGES:

Church Worship	306
Church School	139
Budget Giving	$1947.90
Appeal Giving	177.00

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH OFFERING

$728.22 has been received through last Sunday for this over-and-above outreach offering. The special envelopes in the sets or pews should be turned in by this Sunday so the check and be remitted next week. These gifts are used for total operational needs of Christian Church Outreach even though the interpretation focus is given to our Regional ministries.

COMING CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Singles Class on Friday, December 6. Call Barbara Schrock, 747-3711, for further details on time and place.

Progressive Class on Friday, December 6, at 6:15 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Carry-in meal and $1.00 gift exchange.

CWF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee will meet at 9:30 P.M. this Saturday November 30, in Room 120.

LEADERSHIP OBSERVATION SCHOOL

Our school including staff totaled 60 persons plus observation class pupils, representing 15 congregations. We rejoice in this developmental program.

We thank our eight guest leaders who inspired and enabled us: *Evelyn Montooth, Jeannette Finney, Barbara Carey, Gale Salzman, Dixie Miller, Karen Warren, John Hinant, and Joan Bobbitt.*

The leaders receiving guidance from our congregation in the sessions were: *Norma Andrew, Peg & Becky Buskirk, Ralph & Judy Church, Harold & Ruby Cline, Marlene Crouse, Karen Flickinger, Marilyn Frappier, Barbara Hayes, Susan Jones, Tom & Sue Knuckles, Doris Sauerwein, Barbara Schrock, Val Taylor, Helen Williams, Russ & Nancy Wortley, and Karen Zimmerman.*

We thank the children, youth, and adults who participated in the Observation Classes as pupils. Mrs. Bixenman deserves much thanks for organizing and implementing this school.

Sister congregations with persons receiving training included: North Christian, First Baptist, and South Wayne Baptist of Fort Wayne; First Christian of Auburn, Christian Church of Wolcott, IN; Central Christian of Van Buren, Christian Church of Wabash; and East Lynn Christian of Anderson.

ATTENTION:	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
12:15 P.M. -	Congregational Dinner
1:15 P.M. -	Congregational Elections
2:00 P.M. -	Last Board meeting

CENTENNIAL AND INDIANA APPEAL FOR RESPONSE IN FAITH

This coming month of December, 1974 marks the completion time for this special over-and-above giving. During 1971, $30,000 was borrowed to make building imporvements and to send an equal gift for the completion of the floor of the Flinn Home in Marion. This was a part of our Centennial Celebration as a congregation.

Our Region at the same time requested our assistance in giving for the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith. This was added to our loan payments and pledges were received just three years ago. Our pledges totaled $64,536.40.

As we go into the final month we are about $10,000 short in needed money. This is needed to complete our loan payments and also to fulfill our share of the Indiana Capital Fund effort.

All pledgers are encouraged to complete as much as possible of their commitment. Some who have given lump sums are encouraged to make a special final gift to help put us over the top. Others who did not pledge or who are new to the church are encouraged for a generous gift during December. Mark your envelope or check for Appeal Giving. Let's wipe out these needs so we may move ahead!

THANKS TO CHOIRS!

We thank our choirs for leading us in our Thanksgiving Worship at 10:45 A.M. last Sunday. Special thanks goes to Sara Davis, Jerry Zimmerman, Mel Busse, and Susan Jones for their leadership roles. Thanks to each singer, bell ringer, and trumpeteer.

ADVENT SEASON (from page one)

O heart of God incarnate,
Love-bearer to mankind!
From Thee we learn what love is,
In Thee love's ways we find;
God's love to earth Thou bringest
In living deeds that prove
How sweet to serve all others,
When we all others love.

O Will of God incarnate
So human, so divine!
Free wills to us Thou givest,
That we may make them Thine;
God's will to earth Thou bringest
That all who would obey,
May learn from Thee their duty
The truth, the life, the way.
==Wilbur Fisk Tillett

HIGHLIGHTS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS INCLUDE:

December 1 - Beginning of Advent Wreath candlelighting and music.

December 8 - Thanksgiving for Child Birth and Dedication of parents

December 15 - Congregational dinner and Elections

December 22 - Christmas Sunday and busloads caroling at 4:00 P.M.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worships at 7:00 and 11:00 P.M.

December 29 - Dialogue Sermon with Ed Allen, Jr.

CALENDAR (from page one)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Esther Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30 P.M. Nelson Group Christmas Party, Colyn Crowder, 1024 Olympis

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

CHRIST CHILD'S FESTIVAL

This community effort through exhibits, pagentry, and music will focus on exalting Christ this weekend. It is held at Memorial Colesium from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, and 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Our Bell Choir is playing at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday and our Chancel Choir is singing at 7:00 P.M. that evening.

Children have a special invitation "*Mary the Mother of Jesus invites all children to a Birthday Party in honor of her Son, Saturday, November 29, 1974 at the Memorial Colesium in Fort Wayne from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. during the Christ Child Festival. A gift for every child.*"

There is no charge for admission. Much reflection of Christmas is evidenced by Churches children, and ethnic organizations of our community. The festival is a reminder that our community is still interested in preserving the celebration of the Birthday of the Christ Child, the God-Man of the manger.

SNOW SHOVELING!

Winter will soon be here, with its laborsome snowy weather. This winter, CYF is offering a voluntary snow shoveling service for anyone who needs a hand. When that first heavy snowfall hits--don't hesitate to call Russ Wortley (747-0905), Schellie Schell, (744-2773), or the Church office (744-3239) and CYF will send some youth to your home. Any donations will go to the Youth Empowerment Fund of Disciples of Christ.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 P.M. Guild Christmas Dinner
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
9:00 P.M. Basketball, FCC vs. Lake Avenue Nazarene

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Hazel Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun St.
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:00 Noon D.M.A. At Char-King

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:00 P.M. Staff Christmas Party
7:30 P.M. Come Double Class with Herb & Kathlyn Banet, 933 W. Oakdale.

PANTRY NEEDS:
POWDERED MILK
CEREAL
FRUIT

WOW--WHAT A MESSAGE!

The conviction that God himself came and comes into human history in the person of Jesus Christ is the mind-boggling message of the Christmas season. This is the basic doctrine of the incarnation which is epitomized in John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father"

The sermons of this month are designed to highlight the message of incarnation.

Dec. 1 - "Making Flesh--Faith" John 1:1-18
Dec. 8 - "Making Flesh--Love" I John 1:1-4; 4:7-21
Dec. 15 - "Making Flesh--Peace" Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 22 - "Making Flesh--Emmanuel" Matthew 1:18 - 2:12
Dec. 29 - "Making Flesh--Hope" Luke 1:46-55; 4:18,19

Ed Allen, our Timothy who is in Brite Seminary of Texas Christian University, will be home on the 29th and agreed to share in a Dialogue Sermon with Dr. Cline on that day.

Hear and embody the truth that God came and comes in the flesh!

SERVING DECEMBER 8

Elders

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Fred Smell

10:45 A.M. William Franklin and Andrew Cook

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Young, G. Ludwig, R. Johnson, W. Gumpp

10:45 A.M. E. Allen, D. Weaver, A. Huddleston, H. Helmuth, Stan Cole, T. Knuckles

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stuckey, M. Olson.

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, M. Finkhousen

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. D. Church, S. Grimm

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe, M. Cole

Homebound Communion

Robert Rayl and Tom Knuckles
Hugh Rice and Vernon Moore

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview:
439 - Mrs. Pauline Auer

Lutheran
670 - Mrs. Lillian Stevenson
795 - Jack Phillips (home 12/2)

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Michael Joseph Waggoner and Nancy Lou Skelton on 11/30/74. They are residing at 1837D Cholla Ct, Indianapolis, Indiana.

THANK YOU

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

The family of Edna Saxon

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dwain Graham, 444 Englewood Court, 07 - 444-6343, identified with our congregation on Sunday in a transfer of membership from Central Christian Church in Huntington. They both hail from the Sharpsville, Ind. area. Dwain graduated from IU and Ball State and Kathy from Purdue and Ball State. He is a Training Supervisor for General Telephone and flies in the Air Reserve at Grissom AFB. She was a Home Ec teacher and dean of girls in former communities.

THANKS-FOOD DURING NOVEMBER

The Pantry received much food for use during November in our Worship Cornucopia. This helped greatly. Remember that food can be brought anytime and placed in the receptacles on the north side of Fellowship Hall. Thanks for enabling this ministry of help.

ADVENT CHORAL VESPER

Our Pat Fountain and Becky Buskirk are singing in the Plymouth Chorale for this special Advent Choral Vesper at 8:00 P.M. next Sunday, December 8 at Plymouth United Church of Christ on West Berry.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Choir practices are regularly on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. They are giving Christmas programs for the Dental Auxiliary Christmas Dinner and Dance and also the Penn Central Family Christmas Party on the 7th and 14th. We appreciate the work of our choir! The door is open for other singers to join.

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CHANCEL CHOIR

Some have wondered about the choir moving to the center of the Chancel when up front. This is done to improve the singers hearing of one another in their respective parts. They are singing from the Balcony during this month.

DINNER AND MEETING ON FIFTEENTH

A congregational carry-in dinner will be a holiday festival occasion on Sunday, December 15, at 12:15 P.M. The Interim Lay Personnel Committee will be presenting its nominations for church leadership to begin in January. A major election will be held including several which are selective votes. There will also be Christmas highlights and a meeting of the current church board.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The invitation is out for persons to send one card to the church rather than to the many church friends. This card is placed on the tree in the Narthex and the greetings is expressed through THE TIDINGS to the entire church family and friends. The savings in the one card or a desired amount is mailed with the card to be used for support of our benevolent ministry in the Cleveland Christian Home for children and the Emily E. Flinn Home for the aged in Marion.

Mail or bring cards with your gift and name to the church office. They will be processed and then hung on the Christmas Card Tree. Listing of those expressing seasonal greetings in this way will begin next week in THE TIDINGS.

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Worship Committee invite any interested persons to the Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 10:00 A.M. to help decorate the church

CALENDARED CHRISTMAS PARTIES

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - 6:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 6 in Fellowship Hall Carry-in dinner and $1.00 gift exchange.

SINGLES CLASS - 8:00 P.M. Friday Dec. 6 at the home of Barbara Schrock, 7528 Breckenwood. $3 gift exchange plus a favorite verse exchange.

FRIENDLY CLASS - 12:00 noon, Monday, Dec.9, at home of Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette. $1 gift exchange. Wilmette is a short street parallel to and between Lafayette and Lafayette Esplanade. The house is between Champlain and Congress on Wilmette and can be reached by these streets or Sherwood Terrace.

D.M.A. - 12:00 noon, Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Char-King in Waynedale. Call Irene Cline, 745-9380, or Reba Fusselman, 747-5927 before Monday the 9th. Each will order their own meal.

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY - 6:00 P.M. Saturday, Dec. 14 with the Clines, 5705 Fernwood.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS

7:00 P.M. Family and Children's

11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Service

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS!

Greetings in our Lord Jesus!

Advent Season was ushered in on Sunday morning with a fresh and heavy white snow. I salute those faithful 176 who shared in our Sunday worship in spite of the snow. I recognize that others were unable to make it out or should not risk the chance of a fall.

George Miller was on the job early Sunday and had our parking lot cleared. He is the owner of the Sunoco station across the street and trades off his usage of our south parking lot along Pettit for his work in snow clearing during the winter. Thank you George for your prompt and most helpful work! Without you most of us would have been in trouble in our parking lot.

Sunday afternoon, I was privileged to share the Dedicatory Prayer for the new Worship Nave of North Christian Church. It is a very attractive and excellent setting for the meaningful worship center of their congregational life. Congratulations to our sister church on completing projected building facilities!

I hope that we will have an increasing sense of joy and celebration during the Advent and Christmas season as we share, worship, parties, dinners, caroling, and then our Christmas Eve climax. Be an enthused bringer of others with you to the opportunities of our church fellowship.

Harold E. Cline

THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Any families with young children desiring to participate in our regular semi-annual Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents should contact the church office immediately. This special service will be held during our worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday the 8th.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come Double Class Christmas Party with Herb and Kathlyn Banet at 7:30 P.M., Saturday, December 14.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

The children of our church school are asked to bring one pair of socks or one pair of mittens in their own size to share with the children at the Cleveland Christian Home this Christmas. The socks and mittens are to be placed on the tree in Fellowship Hall any of the next three Sundays. Our Children invite you to join them in this project by sharing a pair of sox or mittens this Christmas. These gifts will be shipped as soon as the post office opens on Monday, Dec. 23, special delivery, so that they will arrive for Christmas morning.

SNOW SHOVELING OFFER

Our CYF is offering services of snow shoveling for widows or couples this winter. Call Nancy Wortley 747-0905, or Schellie Schell 744-2773 or the church office 744-3239 for their help.

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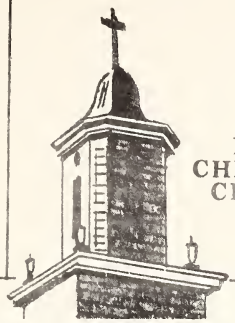

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00 A.M. Basketball Practice at Lincolnshire Church
6:00 P.M. Staff Christmas Party at the Cline's
7:30 P.M. Come Double Class with the Banet's, 933 W. Oakdale.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Carry-in Dinner
1:15 P.M. Congregational Meeting
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 P.M. Basketball, FCC vs. 1st Missionary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:00 A.M. Basketball Practice
7:30 P.M. CYF Christmas Party at the Wortley's, 2229 Drake Dr.

PANTRY NEEDS:
Peanut Butter
Canned Fruit
Soups

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND MEETING

All members and friends are invited to join in at 12:15 P.M. this Sunday for a pitch-in meal. Bring covered dishes appropriate for your family size and table service. Rolls and drinks are furnished.

Our children of Nursery, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6 will open our congregational meeting at 1:15 P.M. with a Christmas program. During the business time and board meeting there will be child care for the young and movies--Christmas pictures and ending with travel ones.

The major congregational business at the meeting is the election of leadership to assume responsibilities on January 1. Prepare by studying the sample ballot in the bulletin last week or the listing on pages 3 & 4 of this TIDINGS. All nominees and members are urged to attend.

The current church board will have a final meeting after the congregational session for reports and business.

SERVING DECEMBER 15

Elders

8:15 A.M. W. Crouse & Hugh Rice

10:45 A.M. R. Rayl & Mark Snyder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, R. Wortley J. Sauerwein, F. Richardson.

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, T.Ogles, B. Lehman, D. Short, R. Ogles, D. Allen, T. Frappier, R. Clifton.

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, M.Olson, J. Stucky, M. Olson.

10:45 A.M. A.Cook, H.Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M.Byers, M.Finkhousen

Deaconesses

Betty Grimm and Helen Williams

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Anne Lee & Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. D. Clifton & M. Rayl

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 578-Mr. David Crebb

In and out in short terms last week were Linda Yentes, Joyce Crowe, and Betty Olson.

Brown Hospital: at V.A. Center in Daylor, Ohio-Mr. Clair Buskirk who suffered a fall last week.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Jessie Vernor on 12/6/74. She has been a member for forty years. Her husband died 20 years ago and her mother 4 years ago. Sympathy is extended to the family.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

A special group of possible gift books are for sale in our Fellowship Hall this Sunday during our dinner and meeting.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Send one card for a Christmas greeting within our fellowship. Mail the card to the church with some donation in lieu of cost and postage for separate cards. The Card will be placed on our Narthex Tree and your greeting will be extended through THE TIDINGS. The money received will be directed offering for the Cleveland Home for Children and the Emily Flinn Home for Aged.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM

Mary Wagner
Dean & Elsie Widler
The Harold Cline Family
Mary Cook
Bob & Esther Clipp
Gladys Hoop
Virgil & Bernice Montgomery
Carl & Mildred Linn
Iva Imbody
Earl & Reba Fusselman
Hugh & Gwynth Rice
Bill & Margaret Love

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS

Gifts can be designated from $1 or any amount larger for poinsettas to give additional decoration for Christmas Sunday and our two Christmas Eve services at 7:00 & 11:00 on the 24th. Mark "Poinsetta Fund".

CHRISTMAS SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Children are encouraged to place socks and mittens on the special tree in Fellowship Hall. These will go to the Cleveland Home also.

CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION
SUNDAY AT 1:15 P.M.

The Major congregational business on Sunday afternoon at the 1:15 P.M. meeting will be elections to begin January, 1975, under our new constitution and by-laws. The Interim Lay Personnel Committee submits the following nominations for election. Nominations are allowed from the floor if qualifications, functions, and consent has been secured from the person being nominated. All nominees are needed to be present for identification by members as well as every possible member to help make selection in the competitive elections.

COMPETITIVE ELECTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two only can be elected from each grouping so that there are a total of 16 elected members: Elders for 2½ years: Andrew Crowe, Robert Hendricks, Cecil Rice; Elders for 1½ years: William Franklin, Charles Ludwig, James Ruble, William Schilling; Deacons for 2½ years: Donald Short, Michael Terry, Joe Wiley, Russell Wortley; Deacons for 1½ years: Chad Cline, Robert Johnson, Bruce Lehman, James Taylor; Deaconesses for 2½ years: Amelia Dare, Marge Lehman, Edna Nordbloom, Elinor Place: Deaconesses for 1½ years: Delores Keebortz, Susan Knuckles, Dorothy Merriman; Representatives of Congregation at large for 2½ years: Ed Allen, Sr., Ruth Plummer, Barbara Schrock, Vincent Wells; Representatives for 1½ years: Don Parlette, Schellie Schell, Elsie Widler, Rose Jenkins.

COMPETITIVE ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Two are to be elected from each grouping and four more will be added later by the Board of Trustees: 2½ year terms: Lois Finkhousen, Robert Hendricks, Charles Ludwig, Janet Weicker; 1½ year terms: Robert Johnson, Bert Leversee, Margaret Love, Nila Schilling.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTION UNLESS NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WOULD MAKE COMPETITIVE:

OFFICERS OF BOARD AND CONGREGATION: 1½ years: Jack Weicker-Moderator, William Love - Vice-Moderator; 2½ years: Nancy Wortley - Secretary, Andrew Cook-Treasurer, Ronald Flickinger-Memorial Funds Treasurer.

CHAIRMEN/CHAIRWOMEN: 1½ years: Jerry Zimmerman - Christian Education, Dean Widler-Evangelism, George Bruckman-Lay Personnel, Marlene Crouse-Outreach and Service, Rocky Baugher-Board of Diaconate; 2½ year terms: Merle Grimm - Stewardship & Finance, Ralph Church - Worship & Pastoral Relations, Mark Snyder-Membership, Eugene Klepfer-Property, Ben Taylor-Board of Elders. Elders for 4½ years: Andrew Crowe, Harold Crowder, Merle Grimm; 3½ years: Ralph Church, Robert Hendricks, Cecil Rice, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler; 2½ years: Bill Franklin, Bill Schilling, Mark Snyder; 1½ years: George Bruckman, William Love, Charles Ludwig, James Ruble; ½ year: Andrew Cook, David Griggs, Bert Leversee, Fred Smell. Deacons for 4½ years: Dennis Andrew, Rocky Baugher, Marvin Crouse, Don Short, Michael Terry.

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3½ years: Bruce Lehman Homer Stevenson, Joe Wiley, Russel Wortley; 2½ years: Samuel Hayes, John Olson, James Taylor, Delmos Young; 1½ years: Walter Bowen, Chad Cline, Robert Johnson, Daryl Markley; ½ year: Doug Allen, Romane Cole, Clarence Hetrick, Robert Petty Deaconesses for 4½ years: Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Elinor Place, Susan Thompson; 3½ years: Susan Knuckles, Carole Lee, Edna Nordbloom; 2½ years: Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler, Marge Lehman, Dorothy Merriman; 1½ years: Norma Andrew, Kathlyn Banet, Mary Cook; ½ year: Delores Overmeyer, Doris Sauerwein, Valerie Williams, Ruth Yentes.

UNDERSHEPHERD PRAYING:

The call is out inviting people to pray daily from Dec. 15 until March 15 for 10 to 25 members & friends of our church. Give your name to Dr. Cline or call the office.

GRAFFITI BOARDS

These are on our two entrance bulletin boards. Persons are invited to write HOPES FOR 1975 on either of these, either anonymously or signed. Hopes may be personal, family, church, vocational, community, national or world. These will enable participation in two coming worships on Sunday morning.

WILL BEQUEST

The church received a copy of the will of Edna R. Saxon last week. Beyond expenses and debts and a gift to a nephew, the church receives the rest, residue, and remainder of her estate. We appreciate this stewardship expressed through a well written will!

PAINTING OF GRADES 5-6 ROOM

Peg Buskirk was assisted by Diana Schrock, Tim Sauerwein, John and Russ Wortley, and Jim Stucky last Saturday. This is a prelude for new draperies in the classroom. THANKS!

THANKS FOR DECORATING

Many comments were given Sunday on the beauty of our Worship Nave. Thanks goes to Sue, Gregg and Ed Allen, Bill and Margaret Love, Mac Olson, Ennis Brown, Jerry Zimmerman, Mary Cook and George Bruckman for their efforts. We also appreciate Nativity sets loaned for useage by Elinor Place and Delores Keebortz.

PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 P.M. - Family Christmas Worship including animated Christmas movie, "Christmas Is" and Birthday Party.

11:00 P.M. - Candelighting Christmas Worship with special music and scriptures celebrating the Event in History.

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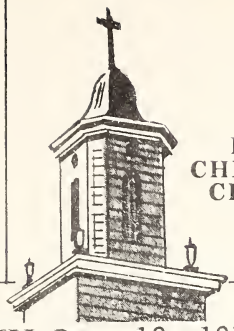

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:30 P.M. CYF Christmas Party at the Wortley's, 2229 Drake.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Caroling
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:30 P.M. Chi Rho Christmas Party at Mrs. Bixenman's.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Family Worship
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Worship

PANTRY NEEDS
POWDERED MILK
BABY FOOD
PEANUT BUTTER

FORMER STAFF GREETINGS:

Christmas Greetings from the Barton Johnson's, Doyle Hardy's & Franklin McGuire's are posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY-DEC. 22

Morning Worships - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. - Special Christmas Music - Dr. Cline preaching, "MAKING FLESH-EMMANUEL' Matthew 1:18-2:12.

Church School - 9:30 A.M. Special Christmas Offering for Outreach in Church School or special Christmas envelopes.

Christmas Caroling - Meet on the parking lot at 4:00 P.M. to go on one of the buses caroling - We need another 30 carolers who did not sign up yet! We will share hot chocolate, coffee, and doughnuts back in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Celebration Worship - 7:00 P.M. Participatory Worship celebrating Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE - DEC. 24

Family and Children's Worship - 7:00 P.M. - Nativity Celebration - Short movie, "Christmas Is" and Birthday Celebration.

Candlelighting Worship -- 11:00 Scripture - Much Music-Meditation-Candlelighting celebration.

SERVING DECEMBER 22

Elders

8:15 A.M. Earl Plummer and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Bert Leversee

7:00 P.M. David Griggs

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Koehlinger, O. McDougle, R. Petty, J. Hechler

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor, E. Allen, R. Cole, D. Young, V. Moore, D. Pomeroy, G. Ludwig, R. Hendricks

Deaconesses

Betty Grimm and Helen Williams

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stuckey, M. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, M. Finkhousen

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Pat Olson, Bruce Grimm

10:45 A.M. Bobbi Johnson, Denise Schrock

Homebound Communion

William Love, Herdis Helmuth
Fred Smell, Rex Clifton

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS:

Lutheran M-211 Mr. Arthur Mowery

Mrs. Valeria Taylor entering 12/16 for surgery 12/17.

Parkview 202 Mrs. Sherri Smith and baby son

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Ellery Flaugh on December 11. He had been a member here for 27 years. Sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Edna Bowen in the death of her mother, Estella Mae Wynkoop, last week in Turtle Creek Convalencent Center.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

$800 was remitted this week as the special outreach offering received at Thanksgiving. Thanks to all who shared in this new high of support.

IRREGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Because of the holidays and vacation time being taken, the church office will have irregular hours over Christmas and New Years weeks. If you need in the building, call to make sure of someone being present or secure a key ahead of time. Dr. Cline is taking a week of vacation for Christmas celebrations on both family sides out of town and a New Years trip to Kansas City. He will be in the pulpit both on the 22nd and the 29th however.

THANKS TO CONGREGATION:

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Jessie Vernor.

Dear Christian Friends,

Will you please thank the minister for us for his uplifting calls at the hospital to my husband. It means more to me than I can express.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and favors for us.

We both hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and that you all will have a wonderful, fulfilling Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Esther & Jim Goins

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND CHURCH BOARD 12/15/74

The following persons were elected by the congregation and will be installed during our Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, January 5, 1975:

OFFICERS: Jack Weicker, moderator; William Love, vice-moderator; Nancy Wortley, secretary; Andrew Cook, treasurer; Ronald Flickinger, Memorial Funds Treasurer.

CHAIRMEN/CHAIRWOMEN: Jerry Zimmerman, Education; Dean Widler, Evangelism; George Bruckman, Lay Personnel; Marlene Crouse, Outreach & Service; Rocky Baugher, Diaconate; Merle Grimm, Stewardship & Finance; Ralph Church, Worship & Pastoral Relations; Mark Snyder, Membership; Eugene Klepfer, Property; Ben Taylor, Elders.

OTHER BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS: Elders: Andrew Crowe, Robert Hendricks, James Ruble, William Schilling; Deacons: Michael Terry, Russell Wortley, Robert Johnson, James Taylor; Deaconesses: Marge Lehman, Edna Nordblom, Delores Keebortz, Susan Knuckles; Congregation-at-Large: Ruth Plummer, Barbara Schrock, Don Parlette, Elsie Widler.

ELDERS: Andrew Crowe, Harold Crowder, Merle Grimm, Glenn Miller, Ralph Church, Robert Hendricks, Cecil Rice, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, William Franklin, William Schilling, Mark Snyder, George Bruckman, William Love, Charles Ludwig, James Ruble, Andrew Cook, David Griggs, Bert Leversee, Fred Smell.

DEACONS: Dennis Andrew, Rocky Baugher, Marvin Crouse, Don Short, Michael Terry, Bruce Lehman, Homer Stevenson, Joe Wiley, Russell Wortley, Samuel Hayes, John Olson, James Taylor, Delmas Young, Walter Bowen, Chad Cline, Robert Johnson, Daryl Markley, Doug Allen, Romane Cole, Clarence Hetrick, Robert Petty.

DEACONESSES: Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Elinor Place, Susan Thompson, Susan Knuckles, Carole Lee, Edna Nordblom, Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler, Marge Lehman, Dorothy Merriman, Norma Andrew, Kathlyn Banet, Mary Cook, Delores Overmyer, Doris Sauerwein, Valerie Williams, Ruth Yentes.

CONGREGATIONALLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Lois Finkhousen, Janet Weicker, Bert Leversee, Margaret Love.

The Church Board gave approval to a revision of the POLICIES FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Under the new By-Laws, these will need final approval by the congregation as well as other such policies which have not been so processed in the past.

The Treasurer's Report reflected the shortage in budget giving which caused Budget operating fund to be in the red by $3,799.24 as of November 30. There is great need to get out of the red during December as well as to accumulate the Budgeted amount of $3,850 to pay off the loan debt

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS IN OUR CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

Gene & Virginia Parker
Charline & John Craig
Ray, Sharon & Diane Fredericks
Jim & Billie Goins
Mike, Nancy & Jennifer Terry
The Branstrators
Barbara & Don Short
Jack & Janet Weicker
Elaine Conrad
Leland & Mary Higgins
Maude Donohue
Bill, Andy, Janice & Jennifer Benny
Tom & Marilyn Frappier & Family
The Jerry Zimmerman's
Merle, Betty, Steven & Bruce Grimm
The Ralph Church Family
Gene, Ruth, Phillip & Kevin Bozarth
Andy, Joyce, Clint & Andrew Crowe
Lillian Scott
Geneva Ferguson
The Ben Taylors
Margaret & Bert Leversee
Lona Miller
Bill & Joan Franklin
Gus Mueller
Grace & Paul Truby
William Gilley
Mel, Donna Evans & Sons
Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hunt
Fern & Paul Kenline
Bob & Bev Hendricks & Family
Amelia Dare
Doris & Charles Speicher
Gladys & Vern Moore
Merle, Bea, Amy & Jonathan Rice
Bill & Anna Taylor
Irene Cline
Mrs. Ethel Allen
Bill, Marge & Mark Lehman
Dorothy Ikenberry
Elna Taylor
Blanche & Clarence Hetrick
Mrs. Walter Birkhold
The Bruckman's
Russell, Nancy, Diana & John Wortley

CHURCH BOARD 12/15 (from page 3)

which has not been achieved through our Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving. All members and friends are encouraged to complete Appeal giving this month and to make all possible gifts for budget support before December 31.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders: Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 23 from 5:00 to 8:30 P.M. at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette. Attenders should call Mrs. Bixenman by Saturday noon & plan to bring a 50¢ exchange gift.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP for ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders: Christmas Patry on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the home of Russ Wortley's, 2229 Drake-just east of Bluffton Rd. at Gilford---beginning at 7:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

May I share this small corner to express Season's Greetings to all in behalf of our church staff. Fuller word will come in this issue we are mailing to be received on Christmas Eve.

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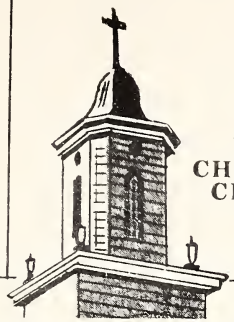

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CHURCH CALENDAR

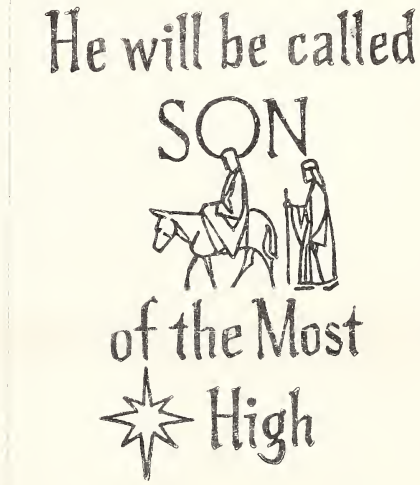
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00 P.M. Family Worship Service
11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
"MAKING FLESH-HOPE"
Dialogue with Ed Allen and
Dr. Harold E. Cline
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. "Edge of Adventure"
in Rm. 120-Dr. Cline leading.
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
(Installation of leadership at
opening moments of service.)
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:30 P.M. "Edge of Adventure"
5:30 P.M. Board of Diaconate
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

PANTRY NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER
POWDERED MILK
CANNED FRUIT



WORSHIP CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 P.M. FAMILY WORSHIP
Children Assisting:
Lighting Christ Candle
Completing Nativity Scene
Movie: "Christmas Is"
All Celebrating Birthday

11:00 P.M. CANDLELIGHTING WORSHIP
15 Minute Organ Prelude
Musical Celebration with
Solos, Bell Choir, Flute
and Chancel Choir.
Celebration of Birth
Candlelighting Participation
in the Light come in Jesus.

SERVING DECEMBER 29

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Rufus Quinn and Dean Widler

7:00 P.M. Merle Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. G. Ludwig, S. Cole, W. Bowen, J. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. R. Clifton, D. Pomeroy, V. Moore, D. Weaver, H. Helmuth, A. Huddleston, E. Allen, J. Hechler

Deaconess

Karen Flickinger

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stuckey, M. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Byers, M. Finkhousen

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. B. Ruble, L. Ruble

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 763 Mrs. Val Taylor
574 Dr. William Kerley

St. Joseph: 425 Mr. Aden Current

Suttenfield Hospital
Intensive Care
Scottsdale, Arizona, 85251
Mr. Harvey Smelzer, who had a massive coronary on 12/17.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Jerrold Taylor on December 23, 1974. Sympathy is extended to his brother Bill and his wife, Anna, as well as the rest of the family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Arthur Busse and family in the death of his brother, Dale C. Busse, last week.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

ERIC ALLEN BAUGHER, the son of Rocky and Lee Baugher, 3002 Thompson, 07; 456-3128, made his confession of faith Sunday morning and was baptized during Celebration Worship. Ric is a fourth grader at South Wayne School. We welcome Ric into our fellowship and pray for his growth in this bond of Christ.

THANKS TO CHURCH

The family of Ellery D. Flaugh gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Kenneth and Sherri (Wrisk) Smith, a son, Daniel Duane, on December 13, 1974.

ATTENTION:

New officer, Chairmen, chairwomen, elders, deacons, deaconesses, and board of trustees members: All are asked to meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:35 A.M. on Sunday, January 5 for our installation service at the beginning of our 10:45 Worship. Any who have been to Meditative Worship will be free to leave by 11:00. Let's strive to have 100% in attendance or reported because of unavoidable conflicts. Begin 1975 in the House of Prayer!

THANKS FOR HELP...To Mitzi Williams for her typing two mornings recently; to Inez Petty and Almeda Rice for preparing the 1975 envelope sets for mailing; to Earl Fusselman for cleaning our drive and sidewalks of snow.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS FROM THESE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

(These families join the 58 families listed previously in making gifts to the church and extending one big Season Greeting to all. We have received a total of $403.50 to be used for the Emily Flinn Home for aged and the Cleveland Christian Home for children. The cards are mounted on our Christmas Tree in the Narthex.)

Steve and Janie Taulbee
Rick and Jane Hahn
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bowen
Mel and Barbara Busse
LaVerne Hunt
Barb Hendricks and Dick Johnson
Pauline Horn
Leslie and Hortense Futterer
The Flickinger's
Vada Tatman
Gene and Pauline Auer
Ken and Ruby Edwards
Homer and Hortense Stevenson
Earl and Ruth Plummer
Miriam Bixenman
Clair, Peggy and Becky Buskirk
John R. Thompson
Ernest and Sadie Kattas
Bethel and Lillian Breeden
Roxy Wunderlich
Barb, Dawn, Denise and Diana Schrock
Elinor and Kenneth Place
Kathy and Dwain Graham
Glenn and Lola Miller
Arthur and Ruby Mowery
Paul and Carol Dunham
Delores Overmyer
Ron, Jeanne, Robby and Laura Gerow
Susan and Shannon Jones
Andy Cook
Rocky, Lee, Melanie and Rick Baugher
Ralph and Jessie Keller
Harold and Colyn Crowder

RESPONSIVE SUPPORT OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Our budget giving has enabled between July 1 and December 22, 1974:

LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE	
Helping Hand Fund for emergency needs	$ 200.00
Associated Churches - mainly Weekday Education	1500.00
Change through Involvement	150.00
Campus Ministry at IUPU-FW	120.00
Radio Broadcast during November	77.00
OUTREACH MINISTRY IN REGION, NATION & WORLD	
Operational Needs for Regional, General Work, Homeland & Overseas Ministries, Colleges & Seminaries, Benevolent Homes	3600.00
Week of Compassion for relief & rehabilitation	600.00
Reconciliation - Healing Minority & urban hurts	600.00
Ecumenical Causes (annual gifts)	300.00

GREETINGS FROM CHURCH STAFF

A warm CHRISTMAS GREETING and a sincere HAPPY NEW YEAR comes from each one of us. Our staff enjoyed dinner and an evening of festivity and singing and desires to greet all of our church family.

Thank you for the privilege of serving in these special roles in the life of our community of faith. We pray that the celebration of the birth of Jesus will bring the increase of the birth and presence of him in each person. To this end we labor and serve. God bless you all!

Miriam Bixenman
Barbara Short
Sara Davis
Susan Jones
Arthur Mowery
Jim Taylor
Harold E. Cline
Nancy Wortley
Jerry Zimmerman
Mel Busse
Earl Fusselman
Chad Cline

COMPLETE GIVING FOR 1974

The call is out to bring our offerings on Sunday the 29th or mail them so that they are received by Tuesday noon the 31st. This will complete our calendar year. December 31 also marks the completion of our Centennial and Indiana Appeal giving. Giving has been generous so far this month and we trust that this will continue so that the church can complete obligations and be in a responsible stance to meet all bills promptly.

Praise the Lord! Our new method of weekly outreach support both in the community and through our brotherhood has helped us to complete the first six months of the church year completely current on budget support of others. Your giving has enabled this goal.

THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE

A unique study opportunity is being afforded at various times in the Christmas to Easter period. The course was prepared by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson.

Registration forms are available in Sunday bulletin or at the church. Group times include: 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. or 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. on Sundays, 7:00 to 8:30 on Tues. 1:30 to 3:00 on Wednesday, or 9:30 to 11:00 on Fridays. Child care will be provided if requested. SIGN UP NOW!

Miriam Bixenman is leading the Wednesday group; Ruby Cline the Sunday evening and Friday morning; and Harold Cline the Sunday morning and Tuesday evening.